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The first part of the paper discusses the importance of the research and the objectives of the study. It then presents a literature review of the existing research on the topic. The methodology section describes the research design and the data collection process. The results section presents the findings of the study, and the conclusion section summarizes the main points and provides recommendations for future research.

The study was conducted in a laboratory setting, and the data were collected using a series of experiments. The results of the experiments were analyzed using statistical methods, and the findings were compared with the results of previous studies. The study found that there is a significant relationship between the variables being studied, and the results have important implications for the field of research.

The study was limited by several factors, including the sample size and the experimental design. Future research should aim to address these limitations and to further explore the relationship between the variables being studied. The study also has several strengths, including the use of a rigorous methodology and the collection of high-quality data.

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Opening

By Tiffany  
Svitko

# The way it all began



• Above, Angela Lopez is caught by the camera. Angela left early in the year when she moved to Hobart.

• Left, Tiffany Svitko, Jackie Matejko, and Tammy Fisher cheer at this year's bonfire.

• "Macho macho man!" Below, Matt Dado, and Ivan Milutinovic show off their physiques in health class.



• Left, Seventh grader Liz Morando explains to junior Cesar Rodriguez that all things are possible if you believe.

• Oiler fans cheer on WHS's 1997 Sectional champions.



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## Opening



• "Tah Dahl!" Left, Senior Tiff Svitzko takes a break from working on her story for *The Tattler* to have a little fun with the camera.

• Is this a daydream believer we have here at Whiting? No, it's just senior Jackie Matejko showing her affection for her favorite Deutscher Bjorn.



• Above, Michelle Kobli and Jackie Benko gladly show their Oiler Pride.

• Above right, Spirited students anxiously await the arrival of the mighty Oilers.

• "All we really want is DOME!" Right, The Oiler football team struts their way into a pep rally as they celebrate another victory. The Oilers later became Sectional Champs. Good job guys!



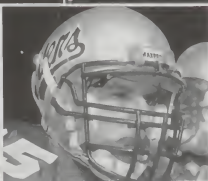
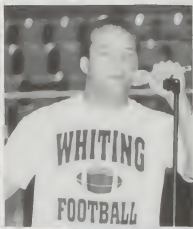
• "Get Down Tonight!" Above, students boogie down at the Homecoming dance. There was a large turn out making it a very successful and fun evening.

• Right, Is there a locker check? No, it's just Chrissy Matejko and her locker neighbor Mr. Vrabel cheesin' it up for the camera!





# People



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# Just starting out!



Gabriela Alvarez



Tanya Anaya



Robert Arredondo



Susan Boyle



Charles Brewer



David Buksan



Stevan Callas



Jason Coleman



Dwain Cook



Ashley Cooper



Chris Davidson



Zandel DeJesus



Katie Deluna



Bridget Donovan



Aletha Dunston



Bridget Eltra



Shannon Filipek



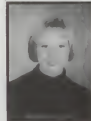
Marissa Ford



Maritza Galavis



Katie Giglio



Rachel Gorman



Karla Grajeda



Tina Guajardo



Veronica Gutierrez



Stephanie Hemm



Isaac Hernandez



April Inzarray



Abigail Irvine



Alycia Kenniger



Matt Kirkland



Bobbi Koblack



Tiffany Kontrick



Jeffery Koval



Kara Krask



Paul Krizo



Kyle Lesar

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*Dustin Linvill*



*Mike Llerena*



*Nicholas Loomis*



*Brian Maloney*



*Maritza Martinez*



*Chrissy Matejko*



*Alicia Melgoza*



*Desire Morrison*



*Jessica Nagy*



*Raymond Niemiec*



*James Pena*



*Pete Protolipac*



*Patrick Ramirez*



*Kevin Rigg*



*Nicholas Ringer*



*Rachel Rogers*



*James Roman*



*Shaun Sanchez*



*Osbaldo Santos*



*Renee Sierra*



*Emmanuel Solis*



*Agnes Sotak*



*Kelly Stolman*



*Heather Thorgren*



*Robert Uebel*



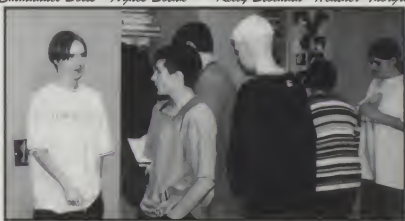
*Jonathan Vutko*



*Eric Winn*



*Jennifer Young*



Freshmen gather in their hallway before the tardy bell rings.

# Two down, two to go!



Kim Abrego



Brian Acheson



Tanya Adair



Craig Balling



Michael Boda



Jackie Bonko



Gene Berryman



Mandy Blastick



Yolanda Castillas



Sean Coleman



Nicole Condy



David Curosh



Matt Dado



Nicholas Dahm



James Edge



Paul Furto



Robert Giancola



Edward Gomez



Laura Gulvas



Mike Hartman



Nick Heeringa



Jared Hobson



Tom Honeycutt



Michelle Koble



Thos Kollintzas



Kate Koval



Leon Leckavicius



Laura Martinez



Jennifer Matuska



John Menzysk



Ivan Milutinovic



Sara Morando



Carlos Munoz



Michael Nastav



Thomas Ochman



Elaine Prevatte

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*Kyle Puskalo*



*Sarah Puhek*



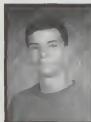
*Ralph Rodick*



*Sandra Serna*



*David Singh*



*Phillip Sotak*



*Joseph Thomas*



*Brianne Tolbertson*



*Elizabeth Toth*



*Derek Vaughn*



*Phillip White*



*Jordan Wilson*



Sophomores, Bri Tolbertson, Nicole Condry and Liz Toth cuddle up for a picture.



These guys stopped to say cheese by their lockers—Michelle Kobli, Ivan Milutinovic, Jennie Matuska and Sarah Puhek.



Matt Dado, Thespena Kollintzas, Liz Toth, Brianne Tolbertson, and Laura Gulvas run ahead of their homecoming float cheering and waving signs.

# We're almost done!



Anastasha Abrego



Robert Anaya



Tina Bass



Amanda Biagi



Josh Bishop



Justin Bogucki



James Buchring



Arthur Buranovsky



Beth Carroll



Judy Chicvara



Kayra Dabrowsa



Marty Dado



Jason Davidson



Doug Dean



Jason Deel



Ben Debold



Adriana Dominguez



Brian Domsick



Dan Donovan



Ante Dosen



Anthony Dumezich



Richard Espinoza



Katie Farmer



Sandra Fernandez



Tammy Fisher



Jeremy Furst



Mark Halliar



Shannon Hemm



Robert Hobson



David Hoover



Michael Hoover



Bryan Isan



Tami Legg



Jose Leon



Alonzo Luna



Rachel Lyons

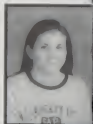
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*Garrett Maddox*



*Jose Magallanes*



*Sarah Makis*



*Jessica Maskalick*



*Stephanie Nagy*



*Laura Nelson*



*Malachi Paez*



*Joe Pishkur*



*Karen Polak*



*Nicole Protolipac*



*Mawry Raycroft*



*Faith Rodick*



*Cesar Rodriguez*



*Jorge Rodriguez*



*Omar Ruiz*



*Tiffany Sanchez*



*Frank Skiba*



*James Smith*



*Paul Strabaw*



*Cory Taylor*



*James Turner*



*Shawn Turpin*



*Gino Urbina*



*Jose Vasquez*



*David Verta*



*Daniel Vujko*



*Aron Weller*



*Phil Wetnight*



*Ryan Williams*



*Nathan Wilson*



*Pablo Zacarias*



*Mark Zarcor*



*Tim Zubeck*

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### Joseph Matthew Balind

Football 1 2 3 4 (All-Conference Honorable Mention 3 4; Hoosier Grid-Iron Pre season 1 A All-State 4; Hammond Times All-Area Honorable Mention 4; Academic All-State 4; Bloomington Herald 1 A All-State Honorable Mention 4); Baseball 1 2 3 4 (All-Conference Honorable Mention 3); Environmental Club 2; Spanish Club 1 2; Tattler 3 **Likes:** sports, sleeping, Sportscenter **Dislikes:** people who talk during class, cold weather **Future Plans:** go to Purdue or DePauw and get a good education



### Julio Barrios

Art Club 1 2 3 4; Booster Club 3; Spanish Club 1 2; Academic All-Star 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** girls, clothing, money, girls, hanging out with friends, girls **Dislikes:** being broke **Future Plans:** I plan to be a successful artist



### Thomas Andrew Callas

Basketball 1; Golf 2 3; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 4; FBI/A 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; Who's Who 2 Office Aide 4; Sectional King Candidate 4; Academic Achievement Letter 4; National History and Government 4; National Science Merit Award 4 Perfect Attendance 2 3 **Likes:** Greek Music, Shawn Kemp, N.W.O., playing pool, rap **Dislikes:** country music, read-up, Michael Jordan, people who don't like my Greek music **Future Plans:** get a degree in business management and own my own business, one day retire, live in Greece and have an exciting life



### Eric Casillas

Basketball 1 2 3 4; Cross Country 2 3; Art Club 2 3; Environmental Club 2 3 4; Booster Club 2 3 4; Spanish Club 3 4; Who's Who 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** basketball, Michael Jordan, women, Al Pacino **Dislikes:** liars, people with no ambition, people who like to argue **Future Plans:** attend college at St. Joseph's, get my degree and live very happily



### Nicholas Joseph Dado

Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 2 3; Booster Club 2 3; Industrial Arts Club 2 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; American Legion Government Test winner 2 3 4 **Likes:** sleeping in, having lots of money, relaxing **Dislikes:** English class, waking up early, Weiner's Foods, annoying people **Future Plans:** go to college, get a job, and make a lot of money



### Melissa DeLaVega

Poms/Flags 1 2 3 4; Art Club 4; SADD Club 4; German Club 1 2; Environmental Club 4; Booster Club 4; FBLA 4; Spanish Club 4; Choir 2 4 **Likes:** chilling with my girls, having fun, rollerblading, the color red, Elmo **Dislikes:** phony people, noisy people, trolls



### Wendy Sue Douglas

Baseball Manager 2 3; SADD Club 4; FBLA 4; German Club 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** my friends, body piercing, family, US 99, Usher **Dislikes:** mean people, alternative music, racist people **Future Plans:** got to college and become a successful teacher



### Jessica Erin Earl

Cheerleader 1 3; Poms/Flags 2 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2; Band 1 2 3 4; **Likes:** my friends, Italian food, Dave Matthews Band, parties, finally graduating, weekends; **Dislikes:** fake people, liars, when people blow their nose in front of me, wannabes, working **Future Plans:** attend beauty school, and be happy for the rest of my life



### Margaret Anna Edge

Cheerleader 3 4; Poms/Flags 2; Art Club 2; SADD Club 2; Environmental Club 3; Booster Club 2 3; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; Drama Club 1 2; Class Officer 3 4; Student Council 2 3; National Honor Society 3 4; Drama Production 1 2 3; Student Director 3; Academic Team 2 3 4; Scholarship "W" 1; Who's Who 1 2 3 4; Top Ten 3 4; National Young Leader's Conference 3 **Likes:** Mancala, sleeping, being with my friends, stalking **Dislikes:** stupid people, annoying people, long-distance learning, country music, shooting pool **Future Plans:** become a pediatrician and make money



### Elizabeth Fetsis

Basketball 1 2 3 4; Volleyball 1 2 3 4 (Honorable Mention 4, Co-MVP 4); Tennis 1 2 3 4; Poms/Flags 3; Environmental Club 2 3 4; Booster Club 3 4; "W" Club 2 3 4; Student Council 3 4; National Honor Society 4; Tattler 2 3 4; Who's Who 1 2 3 4; German Club 1 2 3 4; Oil Can Mascot 1; Academic "W" 4 **Likes:** sports, my family, rainy days, Nike, Winnie the Pooh **Dislikes:** two-faced people, when people put themselves down, quitters **Future Plans:** attend college and find a good-paying job



### Kathleen Nicole Fisher

Football Manager 2 3 4; Basketball Manager 1 2 3 4; Baseball Manager 1 2 3 4; Art Club 2 4; SADD Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 1 3 4; Booster Club 1 2 3 4; FBLA 3 4; Physics Club 4; Drama Club 1 2; Class Officer 2; Student Council 2; National Honor Society 3 4; Reflector 3 4; Tattler 4; Choir 2; Drama Production 1 3; Stage Crew 3 4; Academic 1 2 3 4; Who's Who 2 3 4; German Club 2 3 4; HOBY 3 **Likes:** the Cubs, being a MGR, deck parties, physics **Dislikes:** being a MGR, the Sox **Future Plans:** attend St. Francis, major in business management and start a business



### Joseph Ernest Flores

Cross Country 2 3; Football 1 4; Wrestling 1 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 2 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; "W" Club 1 2 3 4; Drama Club 1; Class Officer 4; Scholarship "W" 2 3; Who's Who 2 3 4; Top Ten 3 4 **Likes:** professional wrestling, Buffalo Bills, long distance learning with Mrs. Kobl, shopping, Italian food, Ric Flair, talking on the phone, my friends **Dislikes:** staying home, IU, shutting up, people who talk trash **Future Plans:** go to Purdue University, major in business management and get a master's degree, own a boat, get married, have kids and coach sports



### James Robert Ford

Football 1 2 3 4 (Academic All-Conference 3, Academic All-State 4); Wrestling 1 2 3 4; Stock Team 3; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; "W" Club 2 3 4; Scholarship "W" 3; Boys State Alternate 3; Who's Who 2 3; Top Ten 3 4; Wendy's High School Heisman Award **Likes:** football, wrestling, my friends, my car **Dislikes:** long-distance learning, corruption **Future Plans:** graduate from college and have a good life



### Jeannie Frances Fusner

Basketball 2; Cross Country 3; Poms/Flags 2; Basketball Manager 2; Art Club 2 3 4; Spanish Club 2; Choir 4 **Likes:** guys, shopping, barbeque pizza, watching football, working, dancing, country music **Dislikes:** school, friends that think they know everything **Future Plans:** go to Purdue Calumet for a year, and transfer to Ball State for dancing



### Brandy Garcia

Cross Country 3; Tennis 3 4; Poms/Flags 2 3 4; Basketball Manager 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; SADD Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 2 3 4; Booster Club 2 3 4; FBLA 2 3 4; Stock Team 2 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; Reflector 3 **Likes:** dancing, going shopping, Italian food, Michael Jordan (23), all my true friends **Dislikes:** two-faced people **Future Plans:** go to school, get a good-paying and enjoyable job, be financially stable, marry a wonderful and supporting man, and have a healthy family



### Jesse Gonzalez

Basketball 3; Art Club 1 2 3; Environmental Club 3; FBLA 2; Industrial Arts Club 1; Spanish Club 2 3 4; German Club 1; Tattler 4; Honor Roll 3; Principal's Honor Roll 4; Sectional Attendant 1; **Likes:** pizza, basketball, writing, learning, God, friends, family, my clan, Mrs. Smith, Rachel Dunham; **Dislikes:** my sins, others sins, pre-judging, religion; **Future Plans:** go to college and law school, minister to people, and have a house and a family



### Melissa Granberg

Football Manager 1 2, Choir 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** being in the library, playing with computers, sewing **Dislikes:** all of the rumors around school **Future Plans:** go to college in Fort Wayne, study computer information systems and become a problem shooter in a big company



### Gregory Joseph Gulvas

Basketball 1 2 3 4; Cross Country 1 2 3 4 (Academic All-State Honorable Mention 4); Baseball 1 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 4; Booster Club 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3; "W" Club 3 4; National Honor Society 3 4; Scholarship "W" 3 4; Boys State Delegate 3; DARE Role Model 4; Top Ten 3 4; nine varsity letters, Green "W" **Likes:** Notre Dame, playing pool, winning, country music, baseball, frog legs, having money, Gus Macker, #3, the Cubs **Dislikes:** losing, being broke, conceited people, White Sox **Future Plans:** go to college, major in optometry or business



### Kathryn Anne Hayes

Tennis 1 2 3; Cheerleader 3; Mat Maid 3 4; Basketball Manager 1; Art Club 1 2 3 4; SADD Club 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3; Booster Club 1 2 3; Industrial Arts Club 1 2 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2; "W" Club 3 4; Drama Club 1 2; Tattler 4; Drama Production 1 2 3; Stage Crew 4; Who's Who 1 2; HOBY alternate 2; Snowball 1 2 3 (staff 3) **Likes:** Mustangs, friends, summer, Metallica **Dislikes:** Mondays, homework, commitment, liars, fake personalities **Future Plans:** attend Ball State for architecture and live a happy, successful life, marry a professional football player



### Kristina Rae Gonzalez

Poms/Flags 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3; Booster Club 3; Spanish Club 1 2; Drama Club 2 3 4; Choir 3 4; Drama Production 2 3 4 **Likes:** blue, potatoes, being with Danny, The Beatles, photography, singing, music, acting, sleeping **Dislikes:** people with no respect, teachers with favorites, two-faced people, people who are too judgmental, sarcasm **Future Plans:** to get married, have a healthy family, and have a good job that I like



### Alexander B. Green

Valedictorian; FBLA 4; Industrial Arts 1 2; Physics Club 3 4; Class Officer 1 2; National Honor Society 3 4; Drama Production 1; Scholarship "W" 1 2 3; Who's Who 4; Top Ten 3 4; German Club 1 2 **Likes:** baggy pants, punk and tribal music, my skateboard, Gid, Jaine, and Libby, '79 Bobcat **Dislikes:** long-distance learning, the ghetto, undead zombies **Future Plans:** have my own apartment, get a degree in computers and follow the yellow brick road



### Philip James Harris

Football 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3; Booster Club 3; Industrial Arts 3 4; Spanish Club 2 3 4; "W" Club 4; National Honor Society 3 4; Band 1 2 3 4; Scholarship "W" 2 3 4; Who's Who 1 2 3 4; Top Ten 3 4 **Likes:** Purdue, football, professional wrestling, weight lifting, music **Dislikes:** long-distance learning **Future Plans:** go to Purdue University Calumet and become a successful computer programmer



### Elizabeth Estelle Herman

Softball 3 Girls Basketball Stats 1 2 3; Art Club 1 2; SADD Club 1; Environmental Club 3; Booster Club 3; Spanish Club 1 2 3; Choir 3; Band 1 2 3 4; Stage Crew 3; Drum Majorete 2 3; ISSMA 1 2 3; Honor Roll 1 4; Honors Band 1 **Likes:** music, candy, going to the movies, bowling, softball, honest people, the Cubs, the movie "Titanic" **Dislikes:** perverts, fake people, pizza, liars, wrestling (WWF), preppy clothes, the Chicken Coop **Future Plans:** go into the Navy, then go to college and major in accounting, get married to Paul, start a family, and be happy forever





### Amanda Eileen Irvine

Tennis 1; Cheerleader 1 3; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Booster Club 4; FBLA 4; Spanish Club 1 2; Student Council 2; Reflector 4; Academic Team 2; American Legion Americanism and Government Test Winner 3 **Likes:** John, Snoopy, veggies, money, Applebee's, and being blond **Dislikes:** liars, people who always match, slow waiters, rude people **Future Plans:** go to Purdue Calumet and get a degree in Human Resources Management, marry John, move to Florida and open our restaurant, "The Lost Kiwi."



### George Anthony Kollintzas

Basketball 1 2 4; Cross Country 1 2; Basketball Stats 3; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 2 3; Booster Club 2 3; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; "W" Club 2 3 4; Student Council 4; Boys State Delegate 3; Elks Student of the Month **Likes:** basketball, sand volleyball, Greeks **Future Plans:** get married, coach at the college level



### Holly Jan-Michelle Kosalko

Salutatorian; Tennis 1 2; Cheerleader 1 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; SADD Club 2 4; Environmental Club 3 4; Booster Club 3 4; FBLA 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; Drama Club 1 2; National Honor Society 3 4; Reflector 3; Choir 1 3; Jazz Band 1 2 3 4; Drama Production 1 2 3 4; Assistant Director 3, Academic Team 2 3 4; Scholarship "W" 1 2 3; Girl's State Delegate; DARE Role Model 3; Top Ten 3 4; Prom Committee 2 3 **Likes:** sarcasm, sleeping, traveling **Dislikes:** long-distance learning, annoying people **Future Plans:** attend John Carroll University and be happy and successful



### Elizabeth Kowal

Poms/Flags 4; Baseball Manager 2; Art Club 4; SADD Club 4; FBLA 1 4; Choir 1 2 3 4; Drama Production 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** The Beatles, my true friends, guys, the color green, laughing, peace, and sleeping **Dislikes:** people who don't like to try new things, fake people **Future Plans:** graduate from chefs' school, move into a house with my best friend Kelley, own my own restaurant "Gooney Goo Goo's," and marry my soul mate



### Brett Alan Jennings

Basketball 1 2 3 4; Football 1 2 3 4 (Academic All Conference, All-Conference, Bloomington Herald All-State); Golf 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3 4; Booster Club 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; "W" Club 3 4; Physics Club 4 **Likes:** sports, Lincoln Mark VII, swishers, rumble couch, going to movies, Monopoly, Toth's house, Dr. Pepper, girls, US 99, camping, Physics class, politics **Dislikes:** rumors, jerks, hypocrites, being broke, teases, pre-calculus, English class **Future Plans:** play football in college, get a degree in elementary education



### John Paul Kontrik

Basketball 1 2 3 4; Baseball 4; Art Club 1 2 3 **Likes:** cars, beautiful girls (Mandy), spending time with friends, basketball, baseball **Dislikes:** fake people, liars **Future Plans:** go to college and eventually start a business



### Mark Allen Koval

Cross Country 3; Golf 3 4; Wrestling 1 2 3 4 (Sectional Champion 4); Art Club 1 2 3 4; Industrial Arts Club 2 3 4; "W" Club 2 3 4 **Likes:** volleyball, girls **Dislikes:** wannabe 'thugs', Cubs **Future Plans:** attend Ball State, become a professional trainer and play on the AVP



### Nicholas Anthony Leyba

Football 1 4; Baseball 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3 4; Industrial Arts Club 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2 4; Choir 1; Who's Who 3; two-year Chicago Golden Gloves semi-finalist; Silver Glove nationals qualifier; American Boxing Federation regional qualifier **Likes:** boxing, baseball, football, easy classes, Mr. Nichols' choice class **Dislikes:** two-faced people, favoritism **Future Plans:** to be successful in whatever I do and have a good life



### Denise Lopez

Art Club 1 2 3 4; Spanish 1 2 3 4; Poms/Flags 2 4; Choir 4 **Likes:** dancing, eating, meeting new people, laughing, black and purple roses, hot summers, Sundays **Dislikes:** waking up, people who lie, country music, wasting time, falling in love



### Jacqueline Ann Matejko

Volleyball 1; Tennis 1; Cheerleader 2; Basketball Manager 2; Art Club 4; Booster Club 3; Drama Club 1 2; Class Officer 1; National Honor Society 3 4; Choir 2 3 4; Band 1 2 3 4; Drama Production 1 2 3 4; DARE Role Model 3 4; Top Ten 3; German Club 1 2 3 4; Snowball 1 2 3 4; ISSMA 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** Beck, Beastie Boys, Dead Kennedys, parties, anything colorful **Dislikes:** matching clothes, when people spit in front of me, Pearl Jam, my short attention span, stuck-up people **Future Plans:** go to Ball State, teach music, and sing or become a radio DJ



### Kelley Marie Meyerhoff

SADD Club 4; German Club 3 4; Environmental Club 3; FBLA 4; Spanish 1 2; Reflector 3; Honor Roll 4 **Likes:** country music, Precious Moments, gossip, Fife Mousekawitz, Taco Bell, hanging out with my friends; the movie "Titanic," Blackhawks **Dislikes:** alternative music, fake people, GAP, preppies, cafeteria food, the Chicken Coop, liars, Green Bay Packers **Future Plans:** attend Purdue Calumet for a degree in accounting



### Alfredo Montero

Art Club 2 4; Spanish Club 1 3 **Likes:** pizza, Knicks, teachers who really try to help students succeed in life, my lady Desi **Dislikes:** people who are back stabbers, people who think that they are better than others, people with bad attitudes towards my friends and me **Future Plans:** go to a trade school to learn engineering, work at I.T.V. Steel Mill or go to college, have a happy life with my lady Desire Morrison



### Amanda Lynn Marrs

T.F. North High School 1 2; Volleyball 1 2 3 4; Softball 3; Art Club 3; Environmental 3 4; Booster Club 3 4; "W" Club 3 4; Physics Club 4; Top Ten 4 **Likes:** playing volleyball, camping, walks at night with friends, autumn because of the beautiful colors of the leaves, having family dinners, country music, playing pool **Dislikes:** annoying people, ignorant people **Future Plans:** to attend Aurora University and play volleyball for the Spartans and major in sports medicine



### Nicholas Adam McNinch

Basketball 1 2 3 4; Cross Country 2 3 4; Football 1; Golf 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3 4; Booster Club 3; Spanish Club 1 2 3; "W" Club 3 4; Green "W" **Likes:** the Cubs, Notre Dame; Halupky **Dislikes:** having no money, White Sox, Green Bay Packers **Future Plans:** going to Purdue, getting married and having kids



### Mandy Lynn Meyers

Tennis 1 2; Cheerleader 1 2 3 4; Poms/Flags 2; Art Club 1 2 3 4; SADD Club 1 2 3 4; German Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 1 2; Booster Club 1 2 3 4; FBLA 1 3 4; Drama Club 1 2; Class Officer 2 3 4; Student Council 4; NHS 3 4; Reflector 3; Tattler 2 3 4; Drama Production 1 2 3 4; Scholarship "W" 2 3; Girl's State Alternate 3; Who's Who 1 2 3 4; ISU Summer Honors; St. Mary's of Notre Dame Community and Leadership Academy; **Likes:** sarcasm, my cat, dancing **Dislikes:** hypocrites, this picture **Future Plans:** attend St. Joseph's and study psychology and communications



### Chris Moore

Art Club 1 4 Spanish Club 1; Homecoming Attendant 2 **Likes:** Sharon, Sarah, Wally, "S," Cathy, Theresa **Future plans:** become a border patrol officer





### Joan Paulette Musak

Cross Country 4 (Academic All-State Honorable Mention 4); Volleyball 1 2 3; Tennis 1 2; Cheerleader 1 3; Poms/Flags 2; Mat Maid 1 2 3 4; Art Club 2; FBLA 3; Spanish Club 1 2 3; Physics Club 4; Drama Club 1 2; National Honor Society 3 4; Reflector 3 4; Tattler 3 4; Drama Production 1 2 4; Academic Team 1; Girls State Delegate; Sectional Sweetheart Candidate; Snowball 2 3 4 (Staff 4); UCA All-Star 3 **Likes:** The Reflector, The Tattler, sarcasm, Snowball, myself (sometimes) **Dislikes:** hypocrites, myself (sometimes) **Future Plans:** go to college for math education or journalism



### Joshua Luke Noojin

Baseball 3 4; Wrestling 1 2 3 4 (Sectional Champ 3 4, Semi-state qualifier 4); Art Club 4; Booster Club 3; Industrial Arts Club 3 4; Spanish Club 3; "W" Club 4 **Likes:** being with Nicole Condy, Mr. Donovan, Mrs. Mindas, wrestling, baseball **Dislikes:** school lunches **Future Plans:** hopefully go to Purdue Calumet and become a cop



### Moses Paez Jr.

Basketball 1; Basketball Stats 1; Art Club 2; Spanish Club 4; Physics Club 4 **Likes:** basketball, my friends, Spanish class, Physics class, being teacher's aide for Ms. Flaris, Bulls, Oilers basketball and football, boxing **Dislikes:** long-distance learning **Future Plans:** attend Purdue University School of Science for mathematics teaching, and teach high school math



### Shawn Patrick Roberts

Cross Contry 3 4; Baseball 2 3 4; Wrestling 3; Industrial Arts Club 3; Spanish Club 3; "W" Club 3; Scholarship "W" 1 **Likes:** girls, money, having fun **Dislikes:** wannabes **Future Plans:** go into the service and become a sharpshooter



### Michael Nagy

Basketball 1; Cross Country 1 2; Baseball 1 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 4; Environmental Club 3 4; FBLA 4; Industrial Arts Club 2 3 4; "W" Club 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** sports, Rachel, food, Gatorade, money, Outback, IU, Atlanta Braves **Dislikes:** fake people, slow drivers, liars, pop, work, Purdue **Future Plans:** play baseball in college



### Laura Owczarzak

SADD Club 3; FBLA 4 **Likes:** country music, the color red, Winnie the Pooh, people with a good attitude **Dislikes:** racism **Future Plans:** go to college and become a physical therapist



### Gerri Elizabeth Polak

Poms/Flags 2; Art Club 1; FBLA 4; Spanish Club 1 3 4 **Likes:** having fun with my girls, eating, sleeping in, spending time with Ralph **Dislikes:** two-faced people, rude people, onions, work **Future Plans:** go to school and go into the medical field, be married to Ralph, and have children in the future



### Patricia Rodriguez

Softball 1 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** playing sports, rollerblades, swimming, dancing, when people fall and it's funny **Dislikes:** complainers, people who make other people look stupid **Future Plans:** finish college, have a good job, get married, have children, visit Washington and Florida



### Juan Manuel Rosendo

Basketball 1 2 4; Cross Country 2 3 4 (MVP 2 3 4; Academic All-State Honorable Mention 4); Basketball Stats 3; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3 4; Booster 2 3; FBIA 4; Spanish 1 2 3; National Honor Society 3 4; Scholarship "W" 3 4 **Likes:** basketball, Rock 103.5, Soundgarden, Gravity Kills, "South Park", NWO, drawing, hanging out with friends, playing video games. **Swishes Dislikes:** racist people, ignorant people, waking up early, country music, slow drivers **Future Plans:** go to Purdue and major in advertising, leave Whiting but stay in touch with friends



### Susan Shade

Art Club 1 3 4; Choir 1 2; Drama Production 1 2 3 4; Academic Team 1 2 3 4; Scholarship "W" 2; Who's Who 3 4; Top Ten 3 4; German Club 2 4 **Likes:** candy, comic books, Japanese Animation, video games, performing, annoying people and making them laugh **Dislikes:** boredom, famine, pestilence, the person who didn't cancel school during the blizzard **Future Plans:** go to college for art



### Regina A. Rudy

Cheerleader 1; Art Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 1; FBIA 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; Choir 2 3 4; Drama Production 2 3 4; Elks Student of the Month; **Likes:** going out with friends, meeting new people, rollerblading, swimming, singing, dancing, food; **Dislikes:** liars, people who chew loudly, back stabbers; **Future Plans:** to go into the Air Force



### Jerry Michael Snyder Jr.

Wrestling 2; Art Club 3 4; German Club 3 4; Band 1 2 3 4; ISSMA 1 2 3 4; Master Musician Award **Likes:** music, playing heavy metal music, drums **Dislikes:** stupid people, rap music **Future Plans:** go to college and be in a famous rock band



### Eileen Marie Stahura

Volleyball 1 2 3 4 (Co-MVP 3 4, All-Conf. Honorable Mention 3, All-Conf. 1st team 4, The Times All-Area Honorable Mention 4); Tennis 1 2 3 4 (All Conf. Honorable Mention 4); B-ball Manager 1; Girls B-ball Stats 2 3 4; Art Club 1 2 3 4; German Club 1 2 3 4; Environmental Club 3 4; Booster Club 2 3; FBIA 4; Industrial Arts Club 1 2 3 4; "W" Club 1 2 3 4; Physics Club 4; NHS 3 4; Tattler 2 3; Top Ten 3 4 **Likes:** senior year, rollerblading, physics class, volleyball, tennis **Dislikes:** liars, rumors, writing college essays, stress **Future Plans:** play volleyball in college and major in communications



### Tiffany Ella Svitko

Volleyball 1; Cheerleader 1 2 3; Art Club 2 3; SADD Club 4; Booster Club 1 2 3; Drama Club 1 2; Class Officer 1 2 3; Student Council 1; Reflector 4; Tattler 4; Choir 3 4; Drama Production 1 2 3 4; Who's Who 2 3; German Club 1 2 3 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate and Sectional Sweetheart Candidate **Likes:** SKA, acting, Save Ferris, Alex, Terre Haute, the Internet, Titanic stuff, Pacey **Dislikes:** racism, BK's fries, cleaning my room, slow drivers, fake people, seafood **Future Plans:** attend ISU and major in Radio/TV/Film, be an actress, then direct and go into radio broadcasting



### Jennifer Thamm



### John Michael Toleikis

Basketball 1; Football 1 2 3 4; Golf 2 3; Art Club 1 2 3; Environmental Club 3; Spanish Club 1 2 3 **Likes:** the size of our school and the closeness of the teachers, the way everyone knows you and cares about you **Dislikes:** the way the teachers can get an opinion of you and it sticks with you all through high school **Future plans:** go to college, become rich, take over the world



### Michael John Toth

Football 1 2 3 4 (Academic All-Conference 4); Golf 2 3; Wrestling 2 3 4; Art Club 2 3; Environmental Club 3 4; Booster Club 3 4; Stock Team 3; Industrial Arts Club 4; Spanish Club 1 2 3 4; "W" Club 3 4; Physics Club 4; Academic Team 3; Scholarship "W" 4; Who's Who 3; Homecoming Attendant 3 **Likes:** Liz, football, wrestling, the rumble couch, money, The Power **Dislikes:** hypocrites, homework, certain people, people who can't back up what they say **Future Plans:** attend Purdue and major in computer engineering and business and start my own business



### Ronald Jake Trent

Basketball 3 4; Baseball 3 4; Art Club 3 4; Spanish Club 3 4; "W" Club 4; Band 1 **Likes:** the Wu-Tang Clan, Charles Barkley, Indiana basketball, LaBalanza, being with my friends **Dislikes:** the Bulls, Purdue, getting up for school, English class **Future Plans:** get a good job and make as much money as I can



### James Allen Trzepacz

Cross Country 1 3; Wrestling 1 4 **Likes:** Pink Floyd, my friends, Bomberman, good looking ladies, fighting, making my point **Dislikes:** people who talk bad about others, punks, bullies, working, coughing **Future Plans:** working and getting by



### Paul Richard Wetnight III

Football 1 2 3 4; Wrestling 1 2; Stock Team 2; Band 1 2 3 4 **Likes:** Sox, football, sports, card collecting, sleeping late, being with my friends **Dislikes:** Cubs, waking up early, working, homework, tests **Future Plans:** go into the Navy, either make a career out of it or go to college after four years



### Anthony White



### Mike Yurkanin

Stock team 2 **Likes:** rock and heavy metal music **Dislikes:** rap



### Ryan David Zurek

Bishop Noll Institute 1 2; Football 1 3 4 (Academic All-Conference 4); Wrestling 3 4; Industrial Arts Club 3 4; "W" Club 4; Band 1 2 3 4 (concert, pep, jazz, marching) ISSMA State Contest (second place 3, first place 4); Lily Endowment Scholarship 4; Academic All-Star (Fine Arts) 4 **Likes:** music, Green Bay Packers, music, football, wrestling, WCW, music, bass, music **Dislikes:** fakes, talking behind one's back, Denver Broncos, liars, stuck-up people **Future Plans:** attend Indiana State University and own a record company

*Congratulations*  
**Class of '98**

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# Keeping the dream alive!



*Mrs. Baxter*  
- Special  
Education  
-6 years



*Mr. Cain*  
- Communication  
Systems  
- Communication  
Applications  
- 10 years



*Mr. Donovan*  
-Economics  
-Government  
-Psychology  
-Sociology  
-1 year



*Mr. Elijah*  
-World  
Geography  
-Current  
Problems  
-1 year



*Ms. Flaris*  
-Advanced  
Composition  
-Adv. English 12  
-English 12  
-English Skills  
-12 years



*Mrs. Fritz*  
-Physical  
Education  
-Health  
-23 years



*Miss Guaccio*  
-English 11  
-Adv. English  
11  
-Adv. English  
10  
-7 years



*Mrs. Herochik*  
-Geometry  
-Pre-Calculus  
-3 years



*Ms. Hylek*  
-Comm. Arts  
-English 10  
-Tattler  
-Reflector  
-1 year



*Mr. Jennings*  
-Asst. Atten-  
dance  
Coordinator  
-2 years



*Mrs. Klochan*  
-Spanish I  
-Spanish II  
-Spanish III  
-8 years



*Mrs. Kobli*  
-Facilitate  
Long  
Distance  
Learning  
-1 year



*Mr. Kuhnz*  
-Band  
-8 years



*Mr. Laub*  
-Algebra I  
-Algebra II  
-28 years



*Miss Lemon*  
 -Accounting  
 -Computer Appl.  
 -Business Law  
 -Management  
 -Business Math  
 -Word Processing  
 -15 years



*Mr. Lenz*  
 -Prob. Solving  
 -Cons. Math  
 -Pre-Algebra  
 -Investigative  
 Geometry  
 -Algebra  
 -2 years



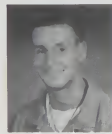
*Mrs. Leonhardt*  
 - German I  
 - German II  
 - German III  
 - German IV  
 - 10 years



*Mr. Long*  
 -Chemistry I  
 -Chemistry II  
 -Earth/Space  
 Science  
 -2 years



*Mrs. Mindas*  
 -Art I  
 -Art II  
 -Art III  
 -Applied Arts  
 -Ceramics  
 -9 years



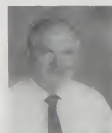
*Mr. Moymihan*  
 -English 9  
 -Adv. English 9  
 -English 10  
 -2 years



*Mr. Nichols*  
 -Biology I  
 -Biology II  
 -3 years



*Miss Raycroft*  
 -Chemistry I  
 -Biology I  
 -3 years



*Mr. Rebey*  
 -Communications  
 -Manufacturing  
 -Computers in  
 Design and  
 Production  
 -32 years



*Mrs. Reinhart*  
 -Choral Director  
 - 8 years



*Mr. Segudovic*  
 -Physical  
 Education  
 -Health  
 -1 year



*Ms. Sheldon*  
 -Librarian  
 -30 years



*Mr. Sorota*  
 -Phys. Science  
 -Math Skills  
 -Computer  
 Prog. I  
 -Physics  
 -33 years



*Mrs. Thrall*  
 -Foods I  
 -Foods II  
 -Clothing  
 -10 years



*Mr. Vrabel*  
 -U.S. History  
 -Current  
 Problems  
 -27 years



• Mr. Laub and Ms. Sheldon escorted the sophomore class to Shakey's as a reward from Mr. Flick for doing well on the ISTEP+ test.  
 • Coach Jennings grins during one of the football pep rallies.



# Keeps WHS up and running



• WHS computer specialist "Bigg" Don Kaminsky takes a break from working in his office to pose for a picture for the yearbook. If there is a problem in one of the several computer labs, "Bigg" Don will surely find a way to fix it.

• Below, The maintenance men. Standing left to right: Mr. Strabavy, Mr. Demkovich, Mr. Saliga, Mr. Stribiak, Mr. Murzyn, and Mr. Rodriguez. Not pictured is Steve Taylor.



• Above, The bus drivers left to right: Ms. Tornai, Ms. Greer, Ms. Espinoza, Ms. Mendoza, and Ms. Foor.

• Right, The cafeteria staff. Standing left to right: Ms. Hobson, Ms. Lakes, Ms. Tokly, Ms. Weller, Ms. Anderson, Ms. O'Drobinak, and Ms. Lawson. Sitting left to right: Ms. Vaught, Ms. Dumezich, Ms. Serna, and Ms. Michniewicz.



• Left, Mrs. Gulvas, WHS school nurse. Mrs. Gulvas works hard to keep WHS students healthy.

• Farleft, The operations staff, Ms. Francisco and Mrs. Wright, make sure that the high school is clean for everyone.





• Above left, The Board of School Trustees. Standing: Secretary Jerry Moynihan, Trustee James Buckley, Vice President Kenneth Zubeck. Sitting: Trustee Dotty Negovetich and President Tracy Sabol.

• Above right, The Central Office Staff. Standing left to right: Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Halliar, Mrs. Boyle, and Mrs. Rowden. Sitting left to right: Mrs. Fisher and Mrs. Cain.

• Left, Dr. Martinez, Assistant Superintendent.

• Right, Mr. McCullum, Superintendent.



- Principal Mr. Flick
- Guidance Counselor Mr. Klosek
- Truancy Officer Mr. Stewart
- Athletic Director Mr. Hruskocy
- Principal's Secretary Mrs. Wilson
- Bookkeeper Mrs. Leyba
- Athletic and Attendance Secretary Mrs. Justak

# Students lead classes into the future

• Right, Senior class officers: Class Sponsor Mrs. Baxter, President Peggy Edge, Vice-President Joe Flores, Secretary Mandy Meyers, and Treasurer Eileen Stahura. The senior class officers made sure the class had sufficient funds to have a senior picnic and helped organize graduation activities.

• Middle right, Sophomore class officers: Secretary Mandy Blastick, President Michelle Kobli, Treasurer Jim Edge, Vice-President Matt Dado, and Class Sponsor Mrs. Sheldon. This year the sophomore class sponsored the Sectional Sweetheart Dance.

• Below, Freshmen class officers: bottom, Secretary Heather Thorgen, Treasurer Shannon Filipek, Vice-President Robby Vrabel. Top, Class Sponsors Mr. Long and Mr. Nichols. President Tanya Anaya not pictured.



• Above, Junior class officers: Treasurer Shawn Turpin, President Liz Martinez, Vice-President Cory Taylor, and Secretary Katie Farmer. Not pictured is Class Sponsor Mrs. Mindas. The junior class sponsored this year's prom at Meyer's Castle.



# Hard-working students



## Eyes on your own paper!

These ten have maintained the highest grade point averages in the Class of 1998. Each one of these students held good grades despite their busy schedules, filled with things such as work, sports, clubs, and school plays.



1. Alex Green



3. Phil Harris



5. Margaret Edge



7. Gregory Gulvas



9. Joe Flores



2. Holly Kosalko



4. Eileen Stahura



6. James Ford



8. Susan Shade



10. Amanda Marrs

# Cream of the crop



• **Class Clown**  
Jessica Earl  
Chris Moore



• **Most Creative**  
Julio Barrera  
Tiffany Svitko



• **Quietest**  
Phil Harris  
Elizabeth Fetsis



• **Best Smile**  
Greg Gulvas  
Holly Kosalko



• **Laziest**  
Katie Hayes  
Mike Toleikis



• **Most Argumentative**  
Jesse Gonzalez  
Gina Rudy



• **Most Likely to Become Famous**  
Julio Barrera Jackie Matejko



• **Most Talented**  
Ryan Zurek Jackie Matejko



• **Teacher's Pet**

Eric Casillas Jeannie Fusner



• **Biggest Flirt**

John Kontrik  
Jeannie Fusner



Ideal Seniors

• **Most Talkative**

Brandy Garcia  
Mike Nagy



• **Best Personalitiy**

Elizabeth Kowal Joe Flores



• **Worst Case of Senioritis**

The Class of 1998 in its entirety



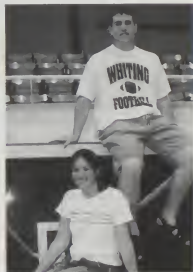
• **Most School Spirit**

Joe Flores Kathy Fisher



• **Most Likely to Succeed**

Alex Green  
Holly Kosalko



• **Most Athletic**

Elizabeth Fetsis  
Brett Jennings

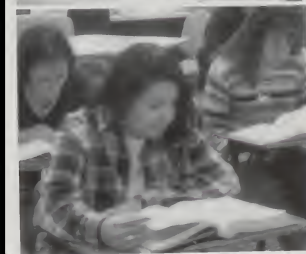
# SENIORS

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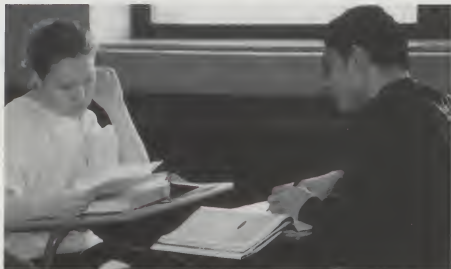
# CLASSES







# Students look for the best result



• Left, Seniors Mandy Marrs and Joe Flores study their precalculus notes from the day. Notes are a very important key to understanding their daily assignments.

• Below center, While working on an assignment, senior Alex Green refers back to his book to set up a problem in his long-distance learning calculus class.

• Below, Mr. Vrabel comes to Mr. Laub's class to ask his opinion on the new semester grading scale. Mr. Vrabel feels that the scale is too beneficial.



• Above, Junior Beth Carrol does a very long proof containing many steps on the blackboard in her geometry class. Learning how to do proofs is very essential in geometry.

• Right, Sophomores Matt Dado and Jared Hobson disagree on an answer they got for the problem they just completed. Sophomore Joe Thomas steps in and says that his answer is the correct one.



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# Formula for Success



• Above, Senior Eileen Stahura gets help from Mr. Sorota in physics class.

• Below, Juniors Maury Raycroft and Shannon Hemm study their measurements carefully in Mr. Long's advanced chemistry class. This year Whiting High School's wood shop was turned into two new science labs for chemistry and biology on the first floor. They are much more advanced and provide better opportunities for the students than the old ones they replaced.



• Above, Junior Shawn Turpin mixes chemicals in his advanced chemistry class which is taught by Mr. Long.

• Below, Senior Kathy Fisher and junior Rob Hobson set up for an experiment in physics. This year's physics class contains nine students.

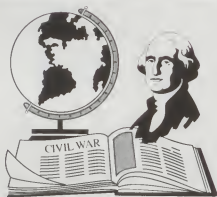


# Remember When?



• Mr. Elijah's world geography class concentrates on their homework. World geography is one of the several new classes added to Whiting's curriculum this year.

• Junior Ryan Williams works on completing his assignment over the Civil War in Mr. Vrabel's history class. There is no excuse to not turn in an assignment in history class because Mr. Vrabel allows students time at the end of class to begin their homework and ask questions about the lesson taught that day.



• Left, Gino Urbina, junior, laughs at one of Mr. Vrabel's humorous stories used to help students understand history.

• Freshmen Stefanie Hemm, Kelly Stolman, Tiffany Kontrik, Ashley Cooper, and Rachel Rodgers listen attentively during a test review.





# JUST SURFIN'

Seniors Denise Lopez, Gina Rudy, Gerri Polak, and Melissa Granberg work together to finish their assignment in class.



Senior Jeannie Fusner surfs the waves looking for information on one of the several new computers equipped with the Internet in the business lab.

The business law class poses for a picture in front of the Lake County Court House in Crown Point after a field trip there. The trip allowed them the opportunity to see an actual trial in progress.



# Making music enhances spirit



• Above, Whiting High School's very own drum line plays during half time at this year's Homecoming football game against the River Forest Ingots.



• Above, The WHS Jazz Band performs during their annual spring concert held in May.

• Below, The WHS Concert Band went to competition in Gurnee Illinois.



• They are at every football and basketball home game. They practice hard and they are good at what they do. Who are these dedicated people? They are the WHS band under the direction of Mr. Robert Kuhn. Every year the band puts on two concerts, one in the winter and one in the spring. They also perform at graduation. Each Fourth of July, the band also participates in the annual parade through downtown Whiting.

• Below, Senior Ryan Zurek performs his contest piece which he won first place for at a state contest in Indianapolis this year.



• Above, Jammin' on his guitar, Nathan Wilson plays at a basketball game.



• Above, "I believe that if a person has a talent in a given area, he should make full potential of it." Junior Dan Donovan.

# Choir tones it up a notch



- Above left, Singing with enthusiasm, seniors Tiffany Svitko and Kristy Gonzalez participate in their zero hour choir class. Zero hour classes are offered to students who would like to take an extra class that they normally would not be able to fit in their schedule.
- Above right, Studying the lyrics and notes to a song for "Babes In Toyland," junior Sandra Fernandez prepares for the winter musical.



- Pausing for a moment to catch her breath, Gina Rudy takes a break between stanzas. She has been a choir member for 3 years.

• Leading the choir in song, Mrs. Reinhardt gives the sopranos and altos their cues. Under her direction the musicals "Babes in Toyland" and "Schoolhouse Rock" were performed during the 1997-98 school year.



- Waiting for her cue from Mrs. Reinhardt, junior Tammy Fisher reads over her music while practicing for a choir concert.



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# MAKES YEAR MEMORABLE



• Above, The 1997-1998 Tattler Staff. Back row: Shannon Hemm, Julio Barrera, Tiffany Svitko, and Robert Hobson. Middle row: Katie Hayes, Joan Musak, and Kathy Fisher. Front row: Co-Editors Mandy Meyers and Katie Farmer.

• Below, As a member of the Tattler staff for her second year, junior Co-Editor Katie Farmer works hard editing a story for the next issue.

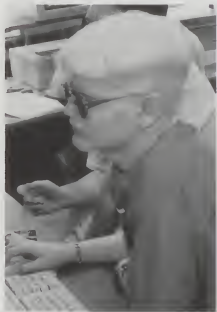
• Below, Senior Co-Editor Mandy Meyers lends a helping hand as fellow staff member Katie Hayes perfects her story before the next deadline.



• Above, In her third year on staff, Senior layout editor Joan Musak puts the finishing touches on the layout for the final issue of *The Tattler*.

# Making the memories last with *Reflector*

• The Reflector staff on their field trip to Ball State University. Left to right: Kate Koval, Julio Barrera, Rachel Lyons, Tiffany Svitko, Jason Davidson, Hether Buranosky, Joan Musak, Katie Farmer, Tiffany Amber Sanchez, and Mark Halliar.



• Junior Jason Davidson finally completes his yearbook layout after days at work.



• Senior Tiffany Svitko painstakingly works on her layout to meet the demands of her deadline and Ms. Hylek.



• Staff member Mark Halliar helps out Kate Koval on her layout.



• Uh-oh! Joan Musak discovers that her computer has a small virus! Nothing serious, the staff usually has a pretty good sense of humor about these types of things!

• The job of a yearbook editor is very difficult, just ask T.A. Co-Editor of The Reflector, Tiffany Amber Sanchez makes some corrections on a staff member's layout. This year's adviser is Ms. Hylek.





# Students show creativity



• Above, Senior Amanda Irvine begins another exciting painting in art class. One of the perks of taking art is the students have the freedom to pick what will be the subject of their drawing.

• Below, Senior Kristy Gonzalez takes her time and works steadily on her painting of the movie legend Marilyn Monroe. Many students choose to draw or paint their idol or a close friend.



• Below, Junior Mark Halliar sits at Mrs. Mindas's desk to draw a beautiful picture for her to find.



• Above, Junior Karyn Dabrowa carefully pours hot wax into a glass to make a candle as one of her projects in crafts class.



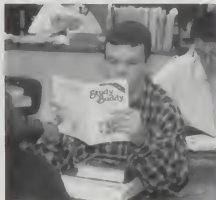
# Grammatically correct



- Above, While writing the day's assignment on the board, Mr. Moynihan turns to explain the homework to the class.
- Trying to figure out the which word answers the question correctly, junior Elizabeth Martinez looks over her vocab list in Miss Guaccio's class.
- Below, After completing his assignments, junior Jeremy Furto sits at his desk and studies vocabulary for the SAT.



- Above, Scanning her grammar book for her assignment, junior Michelle Miller has trouble finding the assignment.
- Below, Acting out a scene from *Julius Caesar*, sophomores Michelle Kobli and Matthew Dado dress-up for the class.



# GERMAN STUDENTS PLUNGE INTO A NEW CULTURE



• Above, German III students work quietly on their "Hausaufgaben," or homework.

• Above middle, Frau Leonhardt helps out Mark "Helmut" Koval.

• Right, German II students, Sarah Puhek and Mandy Blastick, show off the classroom bulletin board, "You are my sunshine."

• Michelle Kobli and Sarah Puhek are called up to the board to demonstrate the proper spellings of colors in German.



**Jackie Matejko**  
German IV  
Extraordinaire.

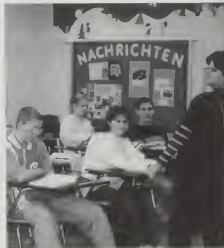
• This year, after the first semester ended, only one student in German IV remained: Jackie Matejko. German IV is not an easy class to get through either. This year students used novels rather than textbooks. And since Jackie was the only one in the class, she was better able to pick up and understand all that she was learning.



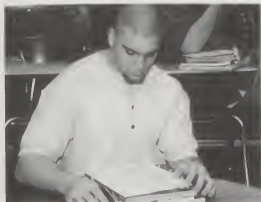
• Above, Senior Kathy Fisher works diligently.

• "Gotcha!" Eileen Stahura and Mark Koval are caught "rot"-handed, passing a note.

• Right, Sarah Puhek presents a speech to her class in German.



# Español es muy interesante!!!



•Studying intently, junior Paul Strabavy completes a worksheet in Mrs. Klochan's Spanish III class.

•Mrs. Klochan grades her students' translating and conjugating skills.



•Bottom left: Helping each other with their work, seniors Jesse Gonzalez and Gina Rudy translate their Spanish homework.

•Right, Working on an activity at the board, freshman Jeff Koval is interrupted by the Reflector's camera. Koval is in one of the three first level classes taught by Mrs. Klochan, including the class that is broadcast at Hanover Central.



• Above, Operating the compact disc player, junior Jeremy Furto prepares to give an oral presentation to his seventh hour Spanish class.

•Left, Receiving help from Sean Coleman, Sophomore Matt Dado demonstrates how to shoot a freethrow. He uses Spanish commands while giving his presentation. This presentation is a very important part in a Spanish II class and also a major part of the grade.



This year's Spanish IV class was taught via television by Mr. Grainger from Hanover Central as part of the expanding long-distance learning program.

# Working to stay fit



- Above, Osbaldo Santos and Mike Llerna play basketball in gym class. While some students feel it is not important, gym is required to graduate.
- Right, Freshman Shannon Filipek bowls a strike during a trip to the Community Center.



- Left, Andrea Leonard bowls during Mrs. Fritz's gym class. The girls' class makes use of the facilities at the Community Center.

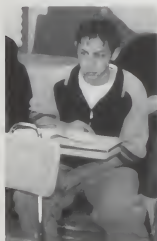


- Above, Kevin Rigg attempts to shoot over a classmate during a game of basketball. P.E. helps students to become involved in activities they may not normally participate in.



- Left, Robert Arrendondo, Steve Callas, and Nick Ringer chase after a ball in Mr. Segudovic's gym class. Coach "Scoot" is one of the new teachers here at WHS.

# Students learn the keys to a healthy lifestyle



• Above, these health students work studiously on an assignment from Mr. Segudovic.

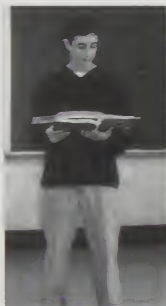
• "Are you kidding? All this by the end of the hour?!" Left, sophomore Leon Leckavicius gives the teacher a look of disbelief after being assigned a lengthy health assignment.

• Right, Mr. Segudovic, the new health teacher, keeps a watchful eye on his class while reclining behind his desk. In addition to Mr. Segudovic, Mrs. Fritz also teaches health to students.



• "This *must* to be a mistake..." Left, sophomore Robert Giancola challenges a decision Mr. Segudovic made about his test.

• Right, sophomore Craig Balling reads aloud a chapter on healthy eating habits, one of the many interesting topics students learned this year.





# ★ Activities







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# DANCE IS MAGIC

## Homecoming Court

### Senior Royalty

George Kollintzas

Eileen Stahura

Brett Jennings

Tiffany Svitko

J. R. Ford

Jessica Earl

### Junior Royalty

Anthony Dumezich

Liz Martinez

### Sophomore Royalty

Ivan Milutinovic

Michelle Kobli

### Freshmen Royalty

Jeff Koval

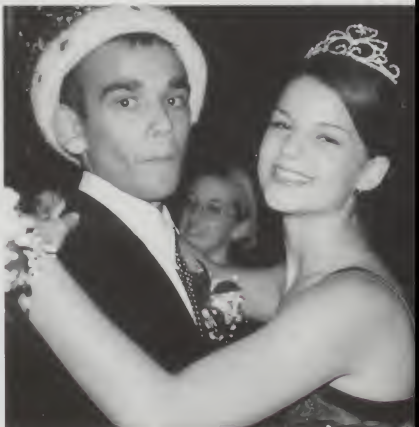
Rachel Rogers



• King and Queen candidates J. R. Ford and Jessica Earl hide under an umbrella in hopes of staying dry while the rain pours down.

• Brett Jennings and Tiffany Svitko anxiously await the announcement of this year's royalty during halftime of the football game against Lake Station.

• 1997 Homecoming King George Kollintzas and Queen Eileen Stahura dance the night away to this year's theme "Its Your Love," by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.



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"Homecoming was very fun because the football team won the game. The dance... it was my senior year homecoming, of course it was fun."

--senior Liz Kowal

"Homecoming was awesome. It gave me and my friends a chance to hang out while dancing and listening to some great music."

--junior Rob Hobson

"Homecoming was great! They played some good music. I had fun afterwards too!"

--sophomore Mandy Blastick



- Juniors Liz Martinez and Anthony Dumezich smile pretty for the camera. For the second year in a row the spirit stick was not awarded to the senior class but instead it was awarded to the junior class.
- Freshmen Rachel Rodgers and Jeff Koval are excited about being named to the Homecoming court.
- Sophomore Michelle Kobli enjoys a little dry humor as her escort Ivan Milutinovic holds an umbrella for her.

# Homecoming 1998



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# Babes In Toyland



• Left, The Toymaster (Jackie Matejko) and her apprentice, Grumio (Tiffany Sanchez) stand in fear as they watch their toy-making invention backfire on them.

• Alan (Jared Hobson) explains to Mistress Mary Quite Contrary (Tiffany Svitko) how his evil uncle planned to steal his fortune and his fiancée.



• Roderigo (Nicole Protolipac) and Gonzorgo (Joan Musak) demand their money from Barnaby (Robert Hobson) for doing his dirty work.

• Right, Little Bo Peep (April Irizarry), who resides in Mother Goose County along with many other famous Mother Goose characters, wonders where her sheep have run off to.





# Cast of Characters

Uncle Barnaby.....	Robert Hobson
Alan, Barnaby's nephew.....	Jared Hobson
Mistress Mary Quite Contrary.....	Tiffany Svitko
Gonzorgo.....	Joan Musak
Roderio.....	Nicole Protolipac
The Widow Piper.....	Holly Kosalko
The Toymaster.....	Jackie Matejko
Grumio, her apprentice.....	Tiffany Sanchez
Inspector Marmaduke.....	Pete Protolipac
The Giant Spider.....	Katie Farmer
Little Bo Peep.....	April Irizarry
Jack.....	Dale Linville
Jill.....	Jenny Young
Little Miss Muffet.....	Susan Shade
Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater.....	Jennifer Keown
Little Boy Blue.....	Katie Holland
Tom Tom the Piper's Son.....	Alison Stangel
Jack Be Nimble.....	Shannon Wilson
Simple Simon.....	Ashley Sudar
Little Jack Horner.....	Andrea Dunston

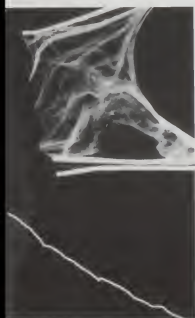
## Winter Musical

- Above, Mistress Mary teaches the children in Mother Goose County.
- Left, Alan, disguised as Floretta, a gypsy, plays a trick on his uncle Barnaby.



• Below, Mistress Mary Quite Contrary calls for help while stuck in a huge spider web in The Forest of the Giant Spiders. Mistress Mary got lost here because she was trying to run away to escape the evil clutches of Barnaby.

• Right, The toys in Toyland were turned evil after Barnaby used the Toymaster's machine to his advantage.  
• Bottom right, Three gypsies (Mandy Meyers, Sarah Puhek, and Tiffany Sanchez) tell the town about the amazing powers of Floretta.



# Christmas Fund Drive a big success



• This year, the Whiting High School Student Council and National Honor Society held a daily contest of fundraising between the junior and senior classes and the freshmen and sophomore classes in their efforts to add to the Christmas Fund for the City of Whiting. Over \$500 was raised for this worthy cause. NHS member Joan Musak and National Honor Society President Jackie Matejko, above, presented Mrs. Sharon Moynihan with the money at an assembly in the big gym. Following the presentation of the money, the NHS and Student Council put on a "sock hop" for the student body for its efforts in this fundraiser.

• Denise Lopez prepares David Verta for his big cheerleading debut. Others who dressed up for this event included Mr. Elijah and Jay Deel.



• "Hey Ms. Mote, can we be cheerleaders?"

Cheerleader wannabes David Verta and Mr.

Segudovic show a little leg before the presentation of the money to Mrs.

Moynihan.

• A ballerina who plays baseball? No, it's really just Mr. Donovan dressing up for charity.



# Sports, dancing, and a lot of slap happy people



• Freshman April Irizarry relaxes late in the evening.



• "Feeling a little tired are we?" Brian Domsich, above, and Steve Callas, below, are trying to stay awake the morning after.



• Seniors Holly Kosalko, Mandy Meyers and junior Katie Farmer enjoy the company of John Milch, D.J. for the evening.



• This year the PTO sponsored a school wide lock-in which took place in the Boys' Gym. The evening began at 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 19 and went till 7 a.m. the next morning. The activities included ping-pong, basketball, and volleyball tournaments, board games, and videos. John Milch, the D.J. for the evening, was there keeping the events lively till about 4 a.m. Not only was the lock-in a test of one's own abilities to stay up all night, but also to make new friends and reacquaint with old ones. All-in-all the event was a big success.



• Bryan Ison is intimidating his opponent in a "friendly" game of ping-pong.



• Dan Donovan enjoys a "cold one" in between basketball games.

Sectional Dance, February 28, 1998

# My Heart Will Go On!



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• Upper right, Seniors Gina Rudy and Jeannie Fusner scream their requests to the D.J. over the loud music.



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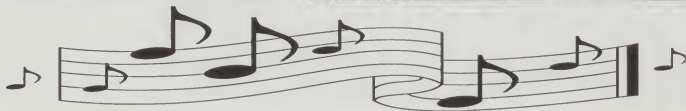
# SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK...LIVE!



• Left, New teacher Kim Jacobson (Mrs. Reinhardt) calmly tries to figure out what these strange people are doing in her living room.  
 • "We the founders... no...um...We the um... We the...people! Yes! That's it!" Left, Our country's forefathers decide on how the Constitution's Preamble should go.

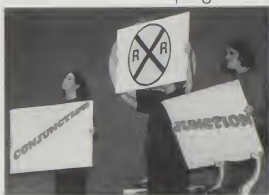


• "Just another pinch of freedom..." Above, Tiffany Svitko, Jackie Matejko, and Susan Shade sing about Lady Liberty's best recipe "The Great American Melting Pot."  
 • Above middle, These three congressmen discuss and debate whether or not "Bill" should become a law. It was a favorable vote, and Bill's wish came true!  
 • Right, these cast members show that nouns are every person, place, or thing that you can know. Go NOUNS!



This year's Spring Musical "School House Rock...LIVE!" is the story of a nervous teacher on her first day of teaching. Shaky and unsure of herself, she watches a little TV before work. As she watches an episode of "School House Rock" the ideas in her head begin to churn. These ideas are represented by the other cast members. By singing along and listening to these ideas she realizes that she has what it takes to be a great teacher.

## Spring Musical



- Top Left, Nicole Protolipac sings about her favorite hero, Zero.
- "Conjunction Junction what's your function?" Above, these three funky gals get down to a soulful School House beat.
- Left, Joan Musak and Nicole Protolipac sing about the importance of inventions such as the telephone, steamboat, and automobile.



• Above, Acting as a park ranger, Jackie Matejko flexes her muscles for the audience.

• "Well! You've got some nerve!" Above Far Right, Geraldine (Tiffany Svitzko) shuns all heart-winning attempts from Gerald (Mrs. Reinhart) during a song about interjections.

• "BRAVO!" Right, The cast of "School House Rock...LIVE!" takes a final bow for a job well done. Congratulations!



# "Wonderful Tonight"

## Prom a huge success



• Above, Junior Tiffany Sanchez shows how she is "Gettin' Jiggy Wit It."

• Senior Holly Kosalko makes sure that senior Katie Hayes looks just right for the many picture-takers that swarm the castle. In lieu of a pre-prom, family members and friends were invited to Meyer's Castle and take pictures beforehand.



• Top, An excited group of juniors raise their glasses to make a toast to the wonderful night that awaits them.

• Below, Senior Brett Jennings and sophomore Michelle Kobli concentrate on their steps while doing the Electric Slide. The D.J., provided by Meyer's Castle, played a few line dances for the rhythmically inclined.



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• Below, sophomore Kate Koval double-checks her belongings before leaving the dining area. This year, students dined in an enclosed tent and danced under a canopy outside so that they could enjoy the fresh air and beautiful scenery. No one danced in the dark, however, thanks to the glow-in-the-dark bands a la the junior class.

• Senior Peggy Edge and junior Nathan Wilson get dangerous on the dance floor. Although students had school the morning of prom, these two still managed to look their best.



- Above left, 1998 Prom Queen Gina Rudy with King Julio Barerra.
- Above right, 1998 Prom Princess Jessica Moskalick with Prince Shawn Turpin.



# *Participation means enjoyment*



• The 1997-98 Spanish Club was sponsored by Mrs. Kloch. The officers were President George Kollintzas, Vice-President Eric Casillas, Secretary Brandy Garcia, and Treasurer Paul Strabavy.



• The 1997-98 Art Club was sponsored by Mrs. Mindas. The officers included Shawn Turpin, George Kollintzas, Eric Casillas, and David Verta.





• The 1997-98 Environmental Club. First row: Kathy Fisher, Rob Hobson, Amanda Marrs, and Adriana Dominguez. Second Row: Katie Hayes, Brandy Garcia, Greg Gulvas, Eileen Stahura, Juan Rosendo, George Kollintzas, Eric Casillas, Karen Polak, and Mandy Blastick. Third row: Katie Farmer, Abby Irvine, Jim Turner, Brett Jennings, Sarah Makis, Liz Martinez, Jessica Moskalick, Stephanie Nagy, and Tammy Fisher. Fourth row: Aletha Dunston, Kelly Stolman, Melissa DeLaVega, Cesar Rodriguez, Shawn Turpin, Liz Fetsis, and Suzy Boyle. Fifth row: Maury Raycroft, Mike Nagy, Tim Zubeck, and Dave Verta. The Environmental Club was sponsored by Miss Raycroft.



• The 1997-98 NHS. First row: Sargeant @ Arms Juan Rosendo, Treasurer Eileen Stahura, Secretary Mandy Meyers, Vice-President Holly Kosalko, and President Jackie Matejko. Second row: new inductee Liz Fetsis, members Kathy Fisher, Greg Gulvas, Joan Musak, Peggy Edge, Phil Harris, and Alex Green. Third row: new inductees Tami Legg, Tiffany Amber Sanchez, and Liz Martinez. Fourth row: Sponsor Mr. Klosek, new inductees Dan Donovan, Frank Skiba, Marty Dado, and Maury Raycroft.



• The 1997-98 Physics Club. First row: Sergeant @ Arms Brett Jennings, Treasurer Eileen Stahura, President Alex Green, Vice-President Amanda Marrs, and Secretary Joan Musak. Second row: Moses Paez, Mike Toth, Rob Hobson, and Kathy Fisher. The Physics Club was sponsored by Mr. Sorota.

• The 1997-98 High School Choir. First row: Denise Lopez, Kristy Gonzalez, Liz Kowal, and Shannon Hemm. Second row: Sandra Fernandez, Tiffany Svitko, Gina Rudy, Jeannie Fusner, and Sarah Puhek. Third row: Melissa DeLaVega, Andrea Leonard, Tammy Fisher, Jackie Matejko, and Nicole Protolipac. The Choir is lead by Mrs. Reinhart.



• The 1997-98 Academic Team. First row: Kathy Fisher, Holly Kosalko, Peggy Edge, Malachi Paez, and Susan Shade. Second row: Nathan Wilson, Frank Skiba, Rob Hobson, Liz Martinez, and Maury Raycroft. Third row: Jim Edge, Nicole Protolipac, Marty Dado, and JJ Furto. Fourth row: Pete Protolipac, Brian Domsich, Dan Donovan, and David Curosh. The Academic Team's head coaches were Mr. Nichols and Mrs. Herochik. Coaches included Ms. Flaris, Mrs. Mindas, and Mr. Donovan.



• The 1997-98 High School Band. First row: Liz Herman, Jackie Matejko, and Jessica Earl. Second row: Andrea Leonard, Tina Bass, Bridget Elza, Nicole Protolipac, Phil Harris, and Tiffany Amber Sanchez. Third row: Director Mr. Kuhn, Chrissy Matejko, Pete Protolipac, Mark Halliar, Paul Wetnight, Maury Raycroft, Frank Skiba, Brian Domsich, Hether Buranosky, Dan Donovan, Nathan Wilson, Dan Vujko, Brian Maloney, and Ryan Zurek.



• The 1997-98 Student Council. First row: Treasurer Maury Raycroft, Secretary Kathy Fisher, and President George Kollintzas. Second row: Sponsor Ms. Flaris, Sophomore class representative Mandy Blastick, and Junior class representative Katie Farmer. Third row: Freshmen class representative Robby Vrabel, Senior class representative Liz Fetsis, Sophomore class representative Jim Edge, Senior class representative Mandy Meyers, and Junior class representative Nicole Protolipac.



• The 1997-98 SADD Club. First row: Secretary Melissa Applegate, Vice-President Kelley Meyerhoff, President Kathy Fisher, and Treasurer Rob Hobson. Second row: Jason Davidson, Wendy Douglas, Tammy Fisher, Shannon Hemm, Holly Kosalko, and Katie Farmer. Third row: Brandy Garcia, Tiffany Svitko, Liz Kowal, Suzy Boyle, Mandy Meyers, and Katie Hayes. Fourth row: Sandra Fernandez, Melissa DeLaVega, Aletha Dunston, Karen Polak, Kara Krask, and Mandy Blastick. The SADD Club was sponsored by Mrs. Lemon.



• The 1997-98 Industrial Technology Club. First row: Vice-President Katie Hayes and President Doug Dean. Second row: Jay Deel, Beth Carroll, Mike Nagy, Mark Koval, Josh Noojin, Alonzo Luna, and Richard Espinoza. Third row: Garrett Maddox, Nick Dado, Tim Zubeck, Cesar Rodriguez, Jessica Moskalick, Eileen Stahura, Shawn Turpin, and Dave Hoover. Fourth row: Mike Beda, Phil Harris, Mike Toth, Dave Verta, John Kontrik, Ryan Zurek, Nathan Wilson, Ante Dosen, Mike Hoover, Robert Anaya, Jose Magallenes, Dan Vujko, and Sponsor Mr. Rebey.

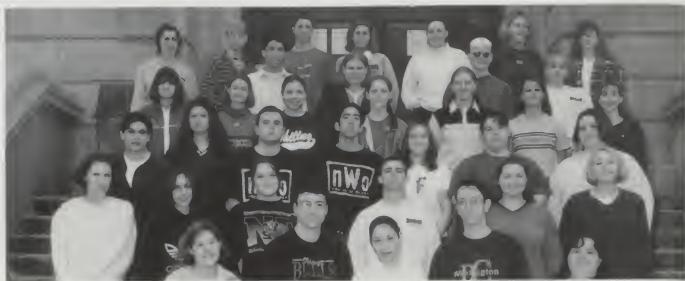


• The 1997-98 German Club. First row: Secretary Maury Raycroft, Vice-President Frank Skiba, President Jackie Matejko, and Treasurer Eileen Stahura. Second row: Susan Shade, Tami Legg, Wendy Douglas, Yola Casillas, Kathy Fisher, Mandy Blastick, Mandy Meyers, and Katie Farmer. Third row: Agnes Sotak, Tanya Anaya, Melissa Applegate, Bridget Donovan, Chrissy Matejko, and Kelley Meyerhoff. Fourth row: Steve Callas, Gabriela Alvarez, Charlie Brewer, Katie Giglio, Bridget Elza, Mark Koval, Tiffany Svitko, Rachel Gorman, and Sarah Puhek. Fifth row: Nathan Wilson, Jim Buehring, Marty Dado, Mike Nagy, Mark Halliar, Jim Smith, Kyle Prskalo, Aletha Dunston, and Rob Hobson. Sixth row: Brian Domsich, Jim Turner, Dan Donovan, John Menzyk, Nick Dahm, and Sponsor Mrs. Leonhardt.



• The 1997-98 W Club. First row: Mike Nagy, Eileen Stahura, Mark Koval. Second row: Greg Gulvas, Jessica Moskalick, Shawn Turpin, Katie Hayes, and Amanda Marrs. Third row: Jay Deel, Cesar Rodriguez, Ryan Zurek, Dave Hoover, and Brett Jennings. Fourth row: George Kollintzas, Dave Verta, Josh Noojin, Phil Harris, Dan Vujko, and Nick McNinch. Fifth row: Sponsor Mr. Rebey, Mike Toth, JJ Furto, JR Ford, Jake Trent, and Liz Fetsis.





• The 1997-98 FBLA. First row: Secretary Katie Farmer, Vice-President Maury Raycroft, President Brandy Garcia, Treasurer Rob Hobson, and Activities Director Kathy Fisher. Second row: Jennie Matuska, Gerri Polak, Gina Rudy, Greg Gulvas, Holly Kosalko, and Mandy Meyers. Third row: Sandra Fernandez, Melissa DeLaVega, Tom Callas, Juan Rosendo, Suzy Boyle, Tammy Fisher, and Wendy Douglas. Fourth row: Katie DeLuna, Kara Krask, Abby Irvine, Tiffany Kontrik, Aletha Dunston, Eileen Stahura, and April Irizarry. Fifth row: Laura Owczarzak, Joe Balind, Amanda Irvine, Jason Davidson, and Liz Kowal. Sixth row: Alex Green, Mike Nagy, Jeannie Fusner, Karen Polak, Melissa Applegate, and Kelley Meyerhoff. The FBLA was sponsored by Mrs. Lemon.

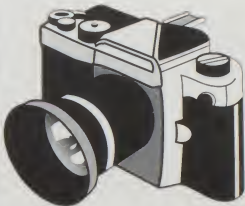


• The 1997-98 Booster Club. First row: Kathy Fisher, Sarah Puhek, Amanda Irvine, Eileen Stahura, Rob Hobson, Amanda Marrs, Adriana Dominguez, and Nicole Protolipac. Second row: Brandy Garcia, Katie Hayes, Katie Farmer, Shannon Hemm, Brienne Tolbertson, Liz Toth, Laura Gulvas, and Thespena Kollintzas. Third row: Abby Irvine, Greg Gulvas, Juan Rosendo, George Kollintzas, Eric Casillas, Karen Polak, and Tammy Fisher. Fourth row: Kate Koval, Mandy Meyers, Brett Jennings, Liz Martinez, Jessica Moskalick, and Stephanie Nagy. Fifth row: Kelly Stolman, Melissa DeLaVega, Jim Turner, Sarah Makis, Cesar Rodriguez, Shawn Turpin, Jackie Matejko, and Liz Fetsis. Seventh row: Jennie Matuska, Michelle Kobli, JJ Furto, Tim Zubeck, and Aletha Dunston. The Booster Club was sponsored by Miss Raycroft, Mr. Moynihan, and Mr. Lenz.





• The 1997-98 *Reflector* staff. First row: Co-Editors-in-Chief Tiffany Amber Sanchez and Joan Musak. Second row: Amanda Irvine, Hether Buranosky, Ad Editor Rachel Lyons, and Katie Farmer. Third row: Tiffany Svitko, Tina Bass, Sarah Makis, and Kate Koval. Fourth row: Jason Davidson, Cory Taylor, Dave Hoover, and Mark Halliar. *The Reflector's* adviser was Ms. Hylek.



• The 1997-98 *Tattler* Staff. First row: Co-Editor-in-Chief Katie Farmer, Layout Editor Joan Musak, and Co-Editor-in-Chief Mandy Meyers. Second row: Rob Hobson, Tiffany Svitko, Katie Hayes, Shannon Hemm, Jesse Gonzalez, Liz Fetsis, and Kathy Fisher. *The Tattler's* adviser was Ms. Hylek.

# Team works together

## Season Results

Washington Twp.	W
Merrillville	L
Lake Station	W
Lew Wallace	W
Whiting Tourney	
Gavit	L
Highland	L
E. C. Central	W
Wheeler	W
LaCrosse	L
Hanover Central	W
E. C. Central	W
Hammond	W
Griffith	L
Clark	L
Griffith Tourney	
Wheeler	L
Marton	L
Gavit	L
Horace Mann	W
Highland	L
Marton	L
Bishop Noll	L
Gary West Side	W
Munster	L
Gavit	L
Gary Roosevelt	W
Calumet	W
Kouts	W
Hebron	L
Sectionals	
Kouts	W
Hebron	L
Conference Record	2-7
Final Record	13-15



• Above left, Michelle Kobli and Jessica Moskalick prepare to play a vicious game against Highland.

• Above right, Jackie Benko, a two-year letter winner, concentrates on scoring another point in order to win the game.

• Below, The 1997 Varsity Volleyball team. Standing: Coach Nichols, Jessica Moskalick, Tami Legg, Thespena Kollintzas, Liz Toth, Jackie Benko, and Coach Milch. Kneeling: Mandy Marrs, Kelly Stolman, Sarah Puhek and Liz Fetsis. Sitting: Michelle Kobli and Eileen Stahura.



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- All work and no play makes for a boring season. Members of the volleyball team take time to have fun together before playing a rough game.
- GO TEAM! Captain Eileen Stahura gets the team fired up for another victory before a game.



• Mandy Marrs and Liz Fetsis prepare to play a game against crosstown rival Clark. The varsity team had three seniors this season.

• Eileen Stahura and Tami Legg congratulate teammate Liz Fetsis on an awesome spike.



Eileen Stahura and Liz Fetsis

## M.V.P.

Seniors Eileen Stahura and Liz Fetsis were named this year's most valuable players. Eileen has played varsity since her freshman year and Liz has played varsity since her sophomore year.

"I'm very proud to be named Co-MVP of the team," Stahura said. "To me it means that I demonstrated dedication and leadership throughout the season, and that I contributed to guidance and a fun season for the underclassmen."

Co-MVP Fetsis is also honored to receive this award. "I was excited and proud of myself for this accomplishment," Fetsis said. "It is an honor; however, I wouldn't have gotten it if it hadn't been for my teammates."

# The team with the



• Left, Whiting School Board Vice-President Ken Zubeck presents the team and Coach Cain with their second consecutive Sectional 33 trophy after three big wins in the Sectional 33 round; LaVille 53-0, West Central 64-0, and River Forest 42-3. Whiting's "D" held its opponents to just one field goal throughout all three games of sectional play.

• Below, Senior quarterback Joe Balind warms up on the field before the game with teammate junior David Verta. Joe passed 75-168 for a total of 1331 yards this season.



# desire to win

## Sectional Champs

- The Sectional 33 Champions take time out of their celebration after their huge win against River Forest in the final round of sectionals to take a picture.

### Season Results

North Newton	W	55-14
River Forest	W	44-7
South Central	W	27-0
Benton Central	W	14-13
Lake Station	W	26-7
Calumet	W	57-0
Gavit	L	21-24
Griffith	L	19-53
Clark	W	20-0

### Sectionals

LaVie	W	53-0
West Central	W	64-0
River Forest	W	42-3

### Regionals

Pioneer	L	17-20
Conference Record		2-2
Final Record		10-3

## Defensive

# M.V.P.



David Verta

Junior David Verta was named Defensive M.V.P. of the 1997-98 Whiting High School football team. Dave has played varsity since his freshman year, so it is no wonder why he received this award. Dave led the area in sacks with 18 throughout the whole season. He also had 110 tackles and blocked two punts. Dave was not

only honored with school awards, but also numerous area and local awards. These awards included First Team Lake 10; *Post Tribune* All-Area First Team; *The Times* All-Area Second Team; Bloomington First Team All-State; and All-State Honorable Mention. Although Dave received many individual awards, he was not completely satisfied with the team's performance as a whole. "We did not do as good as the team and I wanted," Dave said. "We wanted to win the state title." This year the Oilers advanced to the Regional 17 championship game. When Dave was asked what he thought about next season with the Oiler football team, he had three words, "98 State Champs."



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- Right, No. 1 Anthony Dumezich and No. 13 Joe Balind get each other fired up before heading out on the field for a game.
- Below, Junior Bryan Ison and senior J.R. Ford, along with several other football players, listen to the cheerleaders as they cheer on the team and pump up the fans during a pep rally that was held at Whiting Park after the "Battle of 119th Street" against crosstown rivals, the Clark Pioneers.



## Offensive **M.V.P**

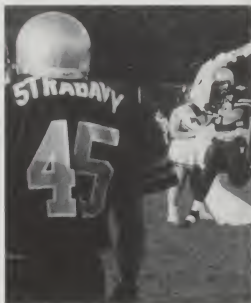


Paul Strabavy

Junior Paul Strabavy was named offensive M.V.P of the 1997-98 sectional champion team. He broke a school record in rushing yards with a total of 2,264. He also broke the record with 32 touchdowns equaling a 201 point season total. Strabavy received many awards including Lake 10 All-

Conference Running Back, All-Area Defensive Player of the Year, Athlete of the Week, Area Rushing and Scoring leader, All State Running Back, Top 50 Players in the State, and National All-Star. Within the team awards, Strabavy captured "Iron Man" and the "Big Stick" award. "Overall it was a great year," Strabavy commented, "even though we did not accomplish our ultimate goal of winning the state championship." Strabavy has three main goals next year, which will help the team to be successful. "If everyone works hard, stays focused on our goal, and believes," stated Paul, "we will go undefeated and win the state championship."

- Below, Junior Paul Strabavy waits to inspire senior Brett Jennings in their pre-game warm up.





# Team runs towards victory



• The 1997 Cross Country team. Back row: Pete Protolipac, John Menzyk, Ben DeBold, Nick McNinch, and Nick Herringa. Front row: Juan Rosendo, Anthony White, Joan Musak, and Greg Gulvas.



• Above, Greg Gulvas crosses the finish line after a long race.  
• Below, Ben DeBold tries to pass up his opponent.



## 1997 Season Results

Columet	W
Govt	L
Hammond High	L
Bishop Noll	L
Morton	W
New Prairie Invite.	25 out of 27
Highland	L
Munster	L
Lake Station	W
Hobart	L
River Forest	L
Highland Invite.	13 out of 17
Clark	W
Griffith	L
M.C. Marquette	W
Clark Invite	12 out of 14
River Forest	L
Conference Meet	6 out of 10
Sectionals	9 out of 12
Overall season record	5-9

## M.V.P.

Senior Juan Rosendo was named most valuable player on the 1997 cross country team.

"I felt very honored because there were other worthy runners on the team," he said.

From the beginning of the season Juan felt the team would be more successful than in past years. Overall, he was happy with the way the season went but wishes it could have been better.



Juan Rosendo

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# Team spirit soars

## Season Results

Boone Grove	43-37	W
Columet	48-41	W
Westville	51-43	W
Bishop Nall	34-50	L
Wash Twp.	34-43	L
Gavit	36-50	L
Morton	50-95	L
Lake Station	21-26	L
Hammond	35-48	L
Morgan Twp.	34-63	L
Highland	28-62	L
Marquette	37-41	L
Clark	46-27	W
Griffith	29-48	L
Munster	32-75	L
North Newton	17-65	L
Clark	54-33	W
LaCrosse	41-30	W
Wheeler	28-64	L
Hebron	42-65	L

### Sectionals

Morgan Twp. 32-54

Conference Record 2-7

Final Record 6-15



• Left, The team poses for a picture at the 'Chumbawumba'-themed party. The inspirational party was meant to instill the girls with a greater confidence in themselves. This party was given by the Parents Club.

## 1997-98 Varsity Girls Basketball Team

• Below, First row left to right: Coach Stewart, Heather Thorgren, Liz Fetsis, Melissa Applegate, Kelly Stolman, Nicole Condy, and Coach Laub. Second row: Laura Gulvas, Michelle Kobli, Liz Toth, Michelle Miller, Thespena Kollintzas and Tami Legg.

## M.V.P.

This year the award of MVP went to sophomore point guard Thespena Kollintzas, who was also awarded a spot on the All-Conference First Team. "It was really great winning MVP. I wasn't really expecting it because I got it the year before. Overall I was proud of myself to have accomplished the award two years in a row. For my junior year I want to be stronger and be able to help our team win sectionals and so on," Thes stated.

Thespena Kollintzas



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• Above left, Senior Liz Fetsis and sophomore Thespena Kollintzas warm up before the game.

• Right, Sophomore Liz Toth and junior Tami Legg block a pass in a close game against Lake Station.

• Driving around a defender, freshman Kelly Stolman looks for a clear opening.



• Above right, Before things got really crazy at the 'Chumbawumba'-themed party the girls took some time to bond on the stairs. This was one of the few quiet moments at the party.

• Below right, Sophomore Thespena Kollintzas thinks about her next move as she brings the ball in bounds.



# One game at a time

## Season Results

Washington Twp.	L	49-54
Gavit	L	48-50
@Culver Military	L	44-60
@Columet	L	48-56
@Westville	L	43-55
Morton	L	28-45
Gavit	W	56-47
Hammond High	L	60-79
@Hammond High	L	45-86
@Highland	L	34-74
@Griffith	L	42-60
@North Newton	L	65-67
Bishop Nall	L	36-41
@Lake Station	W	48-43 (OT)
@Clark	L	52-67
Horace Mann	W	67-65 (OT)
Munster	L	43-57
River Forest	L	66-69 (OT)
Hanover Central	L	43-64
M.C. Marquette	L	41-65

Sectionals @Hebron		
Kouts	L	45-46 (OT)
Conference Record		0-9
Final Record		3-21



• Above, senior Eric Casillas steals the ball and drives for a lay-up.

## M.V.P.

Dave Verta  
Ht. 6'2"  
Wt. 190 lbs  
Yr. Junior



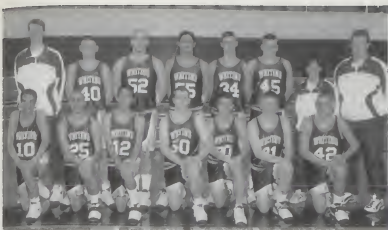
This year's Most Valuable Player award went to junior forward Dave Verta. This is his second consecutive year to receive this award. Dave averaged 16.4 points and 7.3 rebounds a game for the Oilers this season. He received Lake 10 First Team All-Conference and *The Times* Second Team All-Area honors for his skills. "I feel this year was a big difference from last year. The players always seemed to have fun, but knew when to get serious," Verta said. "We all learned a lot from the coaching staff. I believe next season will be one Whiting won't forget."



• Above, the Oilers take a time out during a game to gather themselves.



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• Above, The Boys Basketball team. From left to right, First row: George Kollintzas, Eric Casillas, Juan Rosendo, Brett Jennings, Greg Gulvas, Jake Trent, and Robert Giancola. Second Row: Coach Lenz, Nick McNinch, John Kontrik, Dave Verta, Mike Nastav, Shawn Turpin, Coach Juscik, and Coach Jennings.

• Below, Junior Dave Verta makes a move on a Hanover Central player for two points.



• Above, Senior Nick McNinch looks for an open teammate to pass to.

• Below, Sophomore Mike Nastav attempts to dribble past his opponent in order to have a clear shot of the basket.



• Left, Sophomore Robert Giancola eludes two defenders on his way to the hoop. There were two sophomores on the varsity team.





# Tearing up the mats!

## Season Results

T.F. South	L
Morgan Park	L
Calumet	L
E.C. Central	L
Andrean	L
Bishop Noll	L
Gavit	L
North Newton	L
Boone Grove	L
River Forest	L
Morton	L
Hammond	L
Clark	W
West Side	L
Hanover Central	W
Highland	L
Boone Grove	L
North Newton	L
South Newton	W
N. Prairie	L
Laf. Harrison	L
Munster	L
Griffith	L

Final Record 3-20



• Left, Junior Bryan Ison puts his opponent in a hold in order to take him down.

• Below left, Freshman Jeff Koval gets ready to begin the next period in his match.



• Right, J.J. Furto grits his teeth in the struggle to bring his opponent to the mat.



• Below, Senior Josh Noojin is announced the winner after his state record-breaking pin.



Josh Noojin

## M.V.P.

Senior: Josh Noojin  
Height: 5' 10"  
Weight: 171 lbs.

Josh did an excellent job this season. He was 27-6 for the regular season. He was also the East Chicago Sectional Champion. He placed third at the Regionals, qualifying him for Semi-State. This year he also had the quickest pin in his weight class. He pinned his Gary West Side opponent in 13 seconds flat. Of any sport, Josh believes that wrestling is definitely the most physically demanding. "My coach Ben Rebey really pushed me to become what I am, and Mr. Rebey was a very important part of my success this season," Josh said.



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- Top, Senior Mike Toth pushes his opponent's shoulder down.
- Top right, Freshman Jeff Koval uses his feet to his advantage.
- Below, Freshman Nick Loomis holds on until the time runs out.



- Below, Top row left to right: Asst. Coach Ben Rebey, Bryan Ison, J.J. Furto, Mark Koval, Mike Toth, Ryan Zurek, Head Coach Bill Rebey. Bottom row: Josh Noojin, Joe Flores, Jeff Koval, J.R. Ford, Nick Loomis, and Brian Maloney.

- Above, Senior Ryan Zurek walks around and stretches out before his match.



# Let's Play Ball

## Season Results

Clark	L	3-4
Highland	L	0-11
M. C. Marquette	W	1-0
M. C. Marquette	W	3-2
Morton	L	6-14
Hammond	W	1-0
Wheeler	W	8-3
Kankakee Valley	L	2-3
Clark	L	0-9
Griffith	L	0-3
Columet	W	13-2
Munster	L	0-1
Washington	W	15-3
North Newton	W	6-2
Bishop Noll	L	3-12
Washington Twp.	W	11-0
Gavit	W	3-2
Lake Station	W	9-1
South Central	W	8-1
Morton	W	2-1
River Forest	W	4-2
E. C. Central	W	14-0
Hebron	W	3-2
Hanover Central	L	0-2
Kouts	W	1-0
Westville	W	14-8

### Sectionals

South Central	W	10-2
Wheeler	W	10-1
M. C. Marquette	W	5-0

### Regionals

Morgan Twp.	W	4-2
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### Semi-State

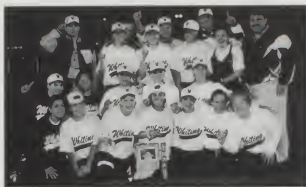
Frontier	L	0-3
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Conference Record	3-6
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Final Record	21-10
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## M.V.P.



The 1998 Regional Champions

This year's softball MVP is the whole team. Head softball coach Mr. Laub could not pick an individual to be the M.V.P. because he feels that as a team they are all great. This is the best chemistry as a team he has ever seen. Coach Laub is thankful that the girls did so well.

• The Girls Softball team. Bottom row: Nicole Condy, Patty Rodriguez, Brianne Tolbertson, Laura Gulvas, Liz Toth, and Ashley Cooper. Middle row: Sarah Puhek, Jessica Moskalick, Sarah Makis, Michelle Kobli, and Jackie Benko. Top row: Coach Laub, Statistician Shawn Turpin, Abby Irvine, Heather Thorgren, Kelly Stolman, Melissa Applegate, Karen Polak, and Coach Donovan.



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- Above left, Sophomore Michelle Kobli intently watches the action at the plate while preparing to run to second base.
- Above center, Sophomore Nicole Condy darts to first base.
- Below right, A few members of the softball team celebrate their Sectional Championship.



- Above, Sophomore Michelle Kobli slides into home to score another run for the Lady Oilers.



- Top right, Sophomore Laura Gulvas plays catch before the start of the inning.
- Above, Senior Melissa Applegate takes a few practice swings before going up to bat.



- Above left, Kelly Stolman throws the ball back to first to keep the opponent from stealing second base.
- Above right, Junior Jessica Moskalick swings the bat hard to knock the ball into the outfield.

# Take me out to

**Varsity Coach- B. Jennings**

**Assistants- K. Moynihan and B. Gulvas**

## Season Results

Hanover Central	L
Westville (DH)	W/W
Bishop Noll	L
Morton	W
Munster	L
E. C. Central (DH)	UL
Hammond High	L
Gavit	L
Calumet	W
Griffith	W
Highland	L
Clark	L
Bishop Noll	L
Morton	W
Munster	L
South Central	L
Hammond High	L
Gavit	L
Calumet	W
Griffith	L
Highland	L
Clark	L
Washington Twp.	L
Hebron	L
Westville	W
Sectionals	L

Final Record

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• Senior Nick Leyba takes the mound for WHS.



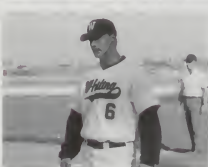
• Left, Senior Greg Gulvas takes a lead off of first with hopes of stealing second.

• Below, Juniors Anthony Dumezich and Jay Deel relax until it is Dumezich's turn to go up to bat.



• Left, Asst. Coach Moynihan pays close attention to the batter as he coaches first base.

• Bottom left, Senior Anthony White was the catcher for the Oilers throughout the season.



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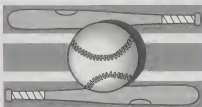
# the ball game!



- Left, Senior Joe Balind strolls across home plate scoring a run during this WHS baseball game.
- Top, Senior Josh Noojin waits on the ball, hoping for a shot to the outfield and a RBI.



BASEBALL



• From left to right: Mgr. Bobby Miller, Josh Noojin, Joe Balind, Coach Moynihan, Coach Jennings, Coach Gulvas, Mike Nastav, Nick Leyba, Anthony Dumezich, Jake Trent, Anthony White, Shawn Roberts, Omar Ruiz, Mike Nagy, Greg Gulvas, Mike Hoover

## M.V.P.

Senior  
Joe Balind

Senior Joe Balind has been on the baseball team for four years. This year, other than M.V.P., Joe received 1st Team All-Conference. Last year, he received All-Conference Honorable Mention. "I feel that it is a real honor to receive this award this year because for the first time there were so many players that were great athletes and worthy of the award," Joe stated.



Joe Balind





# Causing a racket....



• Below, Freshman Bridget Donovan strikes a pose on the court during a match.



## #1

• Right, Senior Eileen Stahura holds Whiting's number one spot on the tennis team. Here she is in a match at the park passing the ball back to her opponent.



## #2

Left, Senior Liz Fetsis holds the number two spot with moves like the one shown here.

• Below, Junior Adriana Dominguez waits for the ball.



• Above center, Coach Raycroft had this to say about the season, "Liz and Eileen were terrific captains. We had a very young team and hopefully the team will follow in the footsteps of these ladies. We would like to keep building this program throughout the community."



• The Tennis team from left to right: Coach Raycroft, Brandy Garcia, Adriana Dominguez, Nicole Protolipac, Liz Fetsis, Eileen Stahura, Liz Martinez, April Irizarry, Asst. Coach Lisa Banaszak, Bridget Donovan, Katie DeLuna, Aletha Dunston, Tiffany Kontrik, Susan Boyle, Kara Krask.

#3

• Below, Junior Liz Martinez serves the ball to her opponent. Martinez holds the number three spot for the team.

## Season Results

Griffith	L
Lew Wallace	L
E.C. Central Invite	L
River Forest	L
Gary West Side	W
Bishop Nall	W
Hammond High	W
Lake Central	L
Clark	W
Morton	W
Gavit	L
Calumet	L
Hanover Central	L
Conference Tourney	L
Sectionals	L

Final Results

5-12

• Left, Junior Nicole Protolipac and her freshman partner April Irizarry congratulate each other with the team's version of a "high five" as they celebrate a triumphant win against opponent Gary West Side.

*M.V.P.*

Senior  
Eileen Stahura

This year Eileen was one of three seniors on the team and one of the two captains. She had a record of 10-7, while holding the number one spot on the team throughout the season. She made ICGSA's Academic All State list and the First Team All-Conference in the Lake 10 Conference.

Eileen has been playing tennis for many years. "I started practicing with the team in eighth grade; however, I was at the time just the ball girl. My coach helped me over the summer, and I've played ever since," she stated.

Stahura was very happy to be named MVP. "I would like to thank Mr. Campbell for getting me excited about the sport, Ms Raycroft for believing in me, and all the girls for making it fun along the way," she added.



Eileen Stahura

# Teeing off for a victory

## Season Result

Griffith	L
Highland	L
Columet	W
Bishop Noll	L
Clark	L
Govit	L
Munster	L
River Forest	L
Lake Station	W
H. High	L
Morton	L
Wirt	W
F.C.C.	W
Clark Tourney	3rd place
Conf. Tourney	9th place

Conference Record	1-9
Final Record	4-9



Mark Koval

# MVP

## Senior Mark Koval

This year's golf MVP is senior Mark Koval. He has played golf for two years under Coach Adams direction. Choosing MVP this year was a tough decision for Coach

Adams. "It was kind of a surprise because all three seniors were the same caliber golfers," said MVP Mark Koval. "Anyone could have won," he added.



• Above, The Varsity Golf team. Left to Right, Raymond Niemiec, Kyle Lesar, Robert Giancola, Pete Protolipac, and David Buksar.

• Left, Teeing off, Raymond Niemiec takes a giant swing in hopes of placing the ball near the hole.



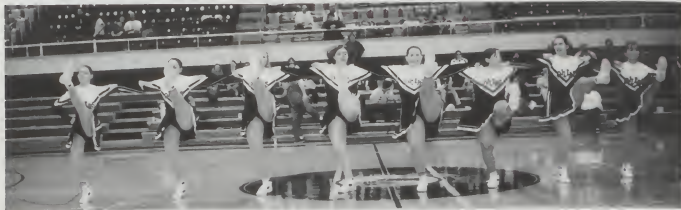
- Above, Choosing his club very carefully, freshman Kyle Lesar gets ready to putt the ball.
- Above, left. Lining up the ball with the hole, freshman Pete Protolipac concentrates on his next approach.



- Above, Satisfied with his last swing, freshman Raymond Niemiec watches the ball reach its intended destination.

- Right, After taking a practice swing, Kyle Lesar gets ready to tee off.

# Cheerleaders kick up some spirit!



• This year the WHS cheerleaders did a dance routine to Prodigy's "Breathe." The performance was a huge success and was performed again for this year's talent show.

• These cheerleaders show us a spirit stunt.



• Senior Mandy Meyers flashes her best cheerleader smile to the football fans at one of the several home games. Being peppy is a very important element to cheerleading and this year's cheerleaders proved it.



## 1997-1998 Whiting High School Cheerleaders

Back Row: L to R; Margaret Edge, Mandy Meyers, Jennie Matuska, Nicole Protolipac, Holly Kosalko. Front Row: L to R; Head Coach Ms. Mote, Kara Krask, Katie Farmer, April Irizarry, Assistant Coach Ms. Mazeika.

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- Above left, This group of cheerleaders have found long lasting friendships throughout the season.
- Above right, "Gimme a 'V!'" Senior Holly Kosalko leads the crowd in a victory cheer.
- Far left, Freshman April Irizarry busts a move.
- Left, These cheerleaders use a time-out during a basketball game for a floor cheer.



Stunt We!  
Practice Hard  
GO HOME

• A few cheerleaders embrace in a group hug during the season. This year the cheerleaders' motto was "Cheer loud, Stunt well, Smile big, Practice hard, or GO HOME!" It was a time of new experiences and close friendships. As the season dwindled to an end, each girl took with her the experiences and fond memories. Good job girls, keep kickin' up the Oiler spirit.



# SPORTS

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# Poms & Flags wish



•Left, Seniors Brandy Garcia, Denise Lopez, and junior Stasha Abrego pose for a picture before going on to the field for the half time show.

•Below, Freshman Rachel Rodgers is excited about first dance as a pom.



•Below, Senior Jessica Earl stands ready with her flag during the pre-game routine at one of many home football games.



•Below, The 1997-98 Poms/Flags squad: Top row; Adriana Dominguez, Jessica Earl, Tiffany Kontrik, Althea Dunston, Rachel Rodgers, Liz Kowal, and Kristy Gonzalez. Bottom Row; Brandy Garcia, Judy Chicvara, Liz Martinez, Kim Abrego, Katie DeLuna, and Denise Lopez.





# for a longer season



• Above, Senior Kristy Gonzalez steps on the field with her flag for the prepared dance.

• Below, The poms march in the Homecoming parade and perform a perfectly rehearsed routine.



• Above, Senior Brandy Garcia concentrates on keeping beat with the WHS band.



• Above, After a few weeks of practice, junior Adriana Dominguez and freshman Katie Deluna are finally ready to dance.

• Below, The poms perform for the basketball fans. The poms perform at almost every home game.



# Three returners lead team of newcomers



• Brianne Tolbertson is getting ready to start the Lady Oilers' defensive play.



## Season Results

Washington Twp.	L
Merrillville	L
Lake Station	W
Wheeler	L
Lacrosse	W
Hanover	L
EC Central	W
Hammond High	W
Harace Mann	W
Giffith	L
Clark	L
Highland	L
Morton	L
Bishop Nall	L
West Side	W
Munster	L
Gavit	W
Roosevelt	W
Columet	W
J.V. Tourney	L
Overall	9-11

• Coach Stacey Milch urges the team to go for a victory at one of their many games. The team's conference record this season was 3-6 overall.



• The team had a slow start this year, but grew to be very close. "If you have a problem with anything, the whole team was there to support you." --junior Shannon Hemm



• Row One: Shannon Filipeck, Judy Chicvara. Row Two: Stefanie Hemm, Thes Kollintzas, Brianne Tolbertson, Shannon Hemm, Rachel Gorman. Row Three: Coach Milch, Chrissy Matejko, Abby Irvine, Aletha Dunston, Kelly Stolman, Nicole Protolipac, Hether Buranosky.

# Oilers experience rough but educational season



• Freshman Eric Winn takes a drink of water during a time-out.

## Season Results

Columet	L
SouthCentral	L
Lake Station	L
Columet	L
Gavit	L
Griffith	L
Clark	L
Hammond High	L

Overall Record (0-8)



• The J.V. offense lines up to run a play against cross-town rival Hammond Clark. "With a school our size, younger players are forced to step up and play sometimes earlier than we would like to see. It is baptism by fire."

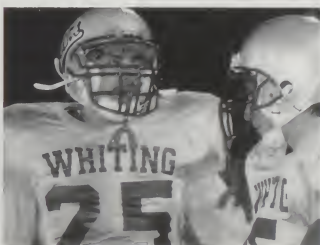
--Coach Shanley



• The 1997 J.V. football team. With fourteen freshmen, one sophomore and four juniors, this year's team was freshmen dominated. The J.V. team was coached by Coach Greer and Coach Zorich. The J.V. team must also dress for all varsity games.



• Freshmen Kyle Lesar and Nick Loomis cheer on their teammates during a game.

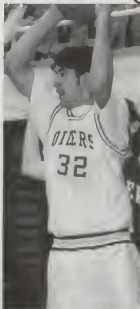


• As an upper-classman, Gino Urbina gets his teammates fired up at an away game. "We played a tough schedule but the season turned out to be a learning experience."

--freshman  
Nick Loomis

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# Young team looks to improve



• "How about some help?" Sophomore Sean Coleman looks for an open man against Hanover.



• Jim Smith drives in for the shot against an opponent from Culver Military Academy.  
• Coach Donovan urges the team to go for the win during the "Battle of 119th Street" game.



• Top Row: David Curosh, Osbaldo Santos, Sean Coleman, Jim Smith, Stevan Callas, and Coach Donovan. Bottom Row: Robby Vrabel, Paul Garcia, David Singh, Kevin Rigg, and Jim Edge.



• Freshman Robby Vrabel maneuvers around a rival player from Hanover Central.  
• Freshman Stevan Callas prepares his free-throw shot after being fouled by his opponent.



## Season Results

Govt	L
Culver	L
Columet	L
Westville	L
Washington Twp.	L
Morton	L
Hammond	L
Highland	L
Griffith	L
N. Newton	L
Lake Station	L
Bishop Nall	L
Clark	L
Gary	L
Munster	L
River Forest	L
Hanover Central	L
M.C. Marquette	W

Final Record 14-9

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# GIRLS WORK UP A SWEAT

## Season Results

@Boone Grove	L
Calumet	W
Westville	W
@Bishop Noll	L
@Washington Twp.	W
Gavit	L
@Morton	L
Lake Station	L
Hammond High	L
Morgan Twp.	L
@Highland	L
M.C. Marquette	L
@Clark	L
Griffith	L
@Munster	L
@North Newton	L
Clark	W
La Crosse	W
@Wheeler	L
@Hebron	L
Conference Record	2-07
Final Record	5-20



• Left, Maneuvering around her opponent, Ashley Cooper looks for an open teammate.

• Below left, Proving that you don't have to be tall to get a rebound, sophomore Laura Gulvas gives her team another opportunity to make a basket.

• Below, Daring her opponent to take the ball, junior Michelle Miller contemplates her next move.



• Left, Standing tall are freshmen Heather Thorgren and Chrissy Matejko whose wall of defense is difficult to break through.

• Right, The J.V. Basketball team: Top to bottom, Coach Sara Reed, Abigail Irvine, Aletha Dunston, Heather Thorgren, Michelle Miller, Rachel Gorman, Laura Gulvas, Chrissy Matejko, Susan Boyle.





# SWINGING FOR THE FENCE

## Season Results

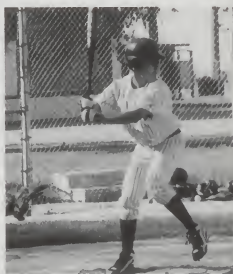
Bishop Noll	L
@Morton	L
@Munster	L
Hammond High	L
Gavit	L
@Culmet	L
@Griffith	L
@Highland	L
Clark	W
@Bishop Noll	L
Morton	L
Munster	L
@South Central	L
@Hammond High	L
@Gavit	L
Culmet	L
Griffith	L

Final Record 1-16

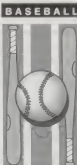


- Above left, Sophomore Sean Coleman keeps a runner on base during a game.
- Above right, Junior David Hoover takes a drink of Gatorade to quench his thirst while he waits to bat.

• Right, Coach Scoot talks to pitchers freshman Jeff Koval and sophomore Sean Coleman to see who is going to pitch the next inning.



- Above, freshman Paul Garcia gets ready to get a hit.



• Left, The J. V. Baseball Team. First row: Robby Vrabel, Dwain Cook, Jeff Koval, Paul Garcia, and Eric Winn. Second row: Coach Segudovic, David Hoover, JJ Furto, Sean Coleman, Jared Hobson, and Matt Dado. This is the second year for J.V. baseball and Coach Scoot's first year as coach.



# Good job WHS sports teams!



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# What's the score?



- Above left, Cross Country stat keeper junior Jim Turner.
- Above right, Boys Basketball stat keepers and managers. Back row, left to right: sophomores Thespena Kollintzas, Laura Gulvas, Michelle Kobli, and Elizabeth Toth. Front row left to right: sophomore Sarah Puhek, senior Kathy Fisher, sophomore Brianne Tolbertson, and junior Stephanie Nagy.
- Below right, Boys Baseball stat keepers and managers senior Kathy Fisher and freshman Bridget Elza.
- Below left, Wrestling stat keepers seniors Katie Hayes, Joan Musak, sophomores Brianne Tolbertson, and Michelle Kobli.



# SPORTS TALK



• Above left, Football managers back row: junior Tammy Fisher and freshman Bridget Elza. Middle row: freshmen Suzy Boyle and Bridget Donovan. Front row: senior Kathy Fisher and junior Tiffany Amber Sanchez.

• Below left, Girls basketball stat keepers sophomore Brienne Tolbertson, junior Liz Martinez, senior Eileen Stahura and junior Tammy Fisher.

• Above right, Girls softball stat keepers juniors Jim Turner and Shawn Turpin.

# Students honored for hard work and commitment to education

## Marine Corp Academic Award

Greg Gulvas  
Eileen Stahura

## Marine Corp Band

Mandy Blastick  
Liz Fetsis  
George Kollintzas  
Rob Hobson

## TIMES Quality Carrier Award

Alex Green

## Xerox Award

Tami Legg

## Latino Scholars

Bridget Elza  
Katie Deluna  
Shaun Sanchez  
David Singh  
Adriana Dominguez  
Liz Martinez  
Malachi Paez  
Tiffany Sanchez  
Peggy Edge  
Joe Flores  
Juan Rosendo  
Moses Paez

## President's Education Award

J.R. Ford  
Alex Green  
Greg Gulvas  
Phil Harris  
Holly Kosalko  
Jackie Matejko  
Eileen Stahura

## I.C.T.M. Award

Alex Green  
Phil Harris



• This year the Whiting High School Awards Day was held on Friday May 29 in the High School Auditorium. The awards were for the soon to be graduates and the rest of the student body. The awards were presented to the hard working students by Mr. Flick and our counselor Mr. Klosek. Some awards consisted of scholarships from the Army, Airforce, and local politicians.



• Above center, Mr. Flick discusses with the student body why hard work and discipline in school will pay off in the future. "By working hard and getting good grades in high school will help in getting scholarships for college," Mr. Flick says.

## Hoosier Boys and Girls State Delegates

J.J. Furto & Maury Raycroft  
Liz Martinez & Tiffany Sanchez  
Alternates  
Marty Dado & Dan Donovan  
Katie Farmer & Rachel Lyons

## Scholarship W's

Joe Balind  
Mandy Blastick  
Dave Curosh  
Adriana Dominguez  
Marty Dado  
Peggy Edge  
Joe Flores  
Greg Gulvas  
Alex Green  
Robert Hobson  
Holly Kosalko  
Tami Legg  
Malachi Paez  
Maury Raycroft  
Frank Skiba  
Eileen Stahura  
Paul Wetnight

## Purdue Outstanding Juniors

Marty Dado  
J.J. Furto  
Tami Legg  
Maury Raycroft  
Tiffany Sanchez  
Frank Skiba



# Seniors presented with awards



•Receiving his award for Honor Roll, Tom Callas is honored for his hard work in maintaining a "B" average for the third nine weeks of the school year.



•Mike Toth received the Dr. Peter Stecy Scholarship which was presented to him by Whiting High School's new superintendent, Mr. Gerald McCullum.

## Senior Scholarships

Alexander Kompier Scholarship  
Mandy Meyers

Dr. Peter Stecy Scholarship  
Mike Toth

Judge Ciesar, Jr. Scholarship  
Tiffany Svitko

Centier Bank-Schrage Scholarship  
Elileen Stahura

Jack Taylor Scholarship  
Holly Kosalko

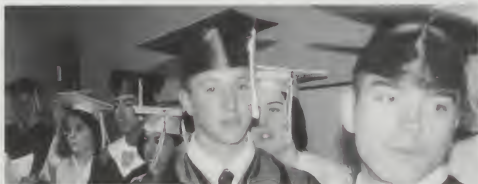


•Tiffany Svitko was presented with the William W. Ciesar Jr. Scholarship by Judge Ciesar for her essay on what good citizenship means in the city of Whiting, Indiana.



•Above Holly Kosalko earned the Jack Taylor Scholarship in which she will receive \$2,000 each year while attending the college of her choice.

# Will You Remember Me?



• Left, Seniors line-up as they anxiously await the beginning of their commencement ceremony. In a change from the traditional Thursday ceremony, this year's graduation was held on Sunday, allowing for a larger number of friends and family members to attend.



• Below, Senior Class President Margaret Edge gives a retrospective on the past four years she and her classmates have shared.



• Above, Salutatorian Holly Kosalko takes a moment to gratefully acknowledge her parents and other family members.

• Above, Valedictorian Alex Green delivers his speech on the importance of self-discipline and work ethic.



• Above, Anthony White and Mike Yurkanin process to their seats to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance."



• Left, Jessica Earl, Jackie Matejko, and Liz Herman take a quick moment to pose before their last band performance. The band played a variety of selections during the ceremony.

## Congratulations

GRADUATES





• Above, the new graduates toss their mortarboards into the air after being congratulated by Superintendent McCullum.

• Left, Superintendent McCullum shakes Kristy Gonzalez's hand after receiving her diploma.

• Right, After handing Tiffany Svitko a congratulatory flower upon her exit from the dais, Mrs. Baxter, Senior Class Sponsor, gives her a hug and wishes her the very best of luck in the many years to come.



• Left, Before the closing of the ceremony, seniors took the opportunity to say goodbye and give each other a hug.

• Right, Joan Musak embraces Margaret Edge in an emotional moment before the close of the ceremony.



• Left, the 1998 graduates make it official by turning their tassels from left to right.

• Right, Counselor Mr. Klosek bids farewell to Elizabeth Kowal. As counselor, Mr. Klosek is instrumental in preparing students for the future.



# That's all folks!



• Left, Sophomore Jackie Benko and senior Mike Toleikis share a dance together at the Bonfire.

• Right, During the Christmas Toy Drive Ms. Flaris had senior Jackie Matejko dress her. As students brought in money or toys, the teachers dressed "up" or "down" so to speak, to reward the students.



• Below, top to bottom, Seniors Mike Toleikis, Joey Flores, Alex Green, Mike Toth, Liz Fetsis, Eileen Stahura, Amanda Marrs, Joe Balind, Brandy Garcia, Nick Leyba, and Mike Nagy pose for a picture while watching a boys' basketball game.



• Below, Seniors support their favorite team at a cold Friday night football game.



• Below, Senior Tiffany Svitko jokes around on the German Club field trip.



• Above, Freshmen Suzy Boyle and Jenny Young compare their schedules on their first day at Whiting High School.



• Left, Seniors Amanda Irvine and Mandy Meyers enjoy the Art Club field trip.

• Right, Seniors Candace Rozchicha, Wendy Douglas, Melissa Applegate and Paul Wetnight clean out their lockers for the last time.



• Left, Seniors Jesse Gonzalez, Nick Dado, and Chris Moore share a laugh at prom.

• Right, junior Nathan Wilson performs "The Dance" at WHS's Talent Show.



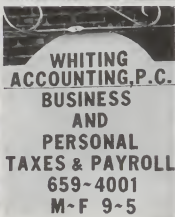
• Left, Freshman Kara Krask smiles bravely as she is held high above the other cheerleaders' heads.

• Left, Seniors Joan Musak and Julio Barrera model their caps and gowns before graduation.

• Right, Seniors Mike Toth and Liz Fetsis smile for the camera at their senior prom.



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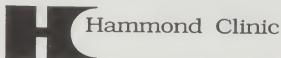
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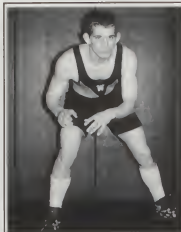
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# LOOKING BACK

As you may have noticed by now, there are no stories to read in this yearbook. The Reflector staff and editors decided it was time for a change. The trend in yearbooks is moving towards making the book more appealing to the reader by having more pictures. One of the goals I had as an editor was to make sure that each student was in the yearbook somewhere, and last time I checked with the index, everyone had at least one page next to his/her name. By having more pictures featured in our book, I feel we have accomplished our goal. Now that there is an explanation for the mysterious disappearance of the stories, I would like to recall a few events here at WHS. I give you the Year In Review.

From the day school started back in August, one could tell that the 1997-98 school year would be like no other. To start with, Whiting High School is celebrating its 100th year in existence. While it may not be that important to some people who do not live in our community, it is a great event for those who do live here. It says that Whiting as a community has been able to continue to grow while still staying close like a family. The first time WHS opened its doors back in 1898, it had one principal, three teachers, and eight students. Now WHS has increased in size tremendously to 26 teachers, 250 students, and several staff members.

1997-98 was a big year in sports at WHS. After much controversy, this year marked the beginning of class sports for high schools in Indiana. By doing this, competition was made fair for all schools; until now, football was the only sport affected by the class sports system. The Oiler football team became Sectional 33 Champions for the second consecutive year and finished their season with a record of 10-3.



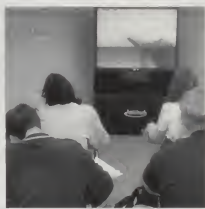
In other sports this year, senior wrestler Josh Noojin placed third in Regionals, qualifying him to advance to Semi-State. Noojin also set a record in his weight class for the quickest pin. He pinned his opponent from Gary West Side on the mat in just 13 seconds flat.

For the first time in ten years the Lady Oilers softball team, led by Coach Laub and Coach Donovan, became Sectional Champions. Whiting beat Michigan City Marquette 5-0 to win this pre-



cious title. The softball team then went on to beat Morgan Township 4-2 to take the title of Regional Champions. They were defeated, however, in the Semi-State round by Frontier High School.

Though this is not the first year for WHS to have classes taught via Long-Distance Learning, the Long-Distance Learning class did receive new equipment. This year, five classes were taught over the system. WHS Spanish teacher, Mrs. Klochan, taught Spanish I to a class at Hanover Central High School. Two of the classes were taught by college professors.





Two things that shaped the way students studied here at Whiting High School included the new split Lunch/Choice period and the switch to nine week grading periods. Last year, Choice was held at the end of the day as an opportunity for students to get their homework done or receive help from a teacher in a class that they might otherwise fail. All grades 9-12 ate lunch together. While the purpose of Choice was still the same this year, it was held at a different time. For the underclassmen, Choice was from 12 pm to 12:30 pm and lunch was from 12:35 pm to 1:05 pm. For the upperclassmen, lunch was from 12 pm to 12:30 pm and Choice was from 12:35 pm to 1:05 pm. This was done to allow for smaller lunch lines in the cafeteria and to make Choice mandatory for everyone. Last year students who took a zero hour were not required to take Choice because the two class times overlapped each other. The switch was made from six week grading periods to nine week grading periods traditionally seen in the lower grades. With the nine week grading periods, every three weeks deficiency notices were sent home if the student was receiving any grade lower than a "C" in a class. Changes were made for the benefit of the students.

The Hoosier Theater opened its doors once again after being closed for 12 years. The theater's marquee lights up 119th Street every night.



As always, there were some fun times to be had at Whiting. Who could forget "Bigg" Don



showing us how to rock at the first ever W H S Talent Show? Many students

delighted the audience with their talents, which ranged from singing to dancing, with an attempted kidnapping in between.



Those students who attended the Lock-In had a blast I'm sure. With volleyball, basketball, and ping-pong tournaments going on in the gym, who wouldn't have fun? For those not interested in participating in sports, there were board games, movies, and video games. The Lock-In was sponsored by the PTO. This was the third lock-in in four years.



Over the summer and during some of the school year, WHS did some building and remodeling. The wood shop was turned into two separate science labs, one for chemistry and one for biology.



When the wood shop was turned into two science labs, the wood shop was moved in with the metals shop. In

wood shop, students make several things such as spice racks, shelves, clocks, toy chests, tables, and chairs.

The business lab received new computers this year to replace the old out-dated ones. On the computers, the Internet was also in-



stalled to allow students to look up information on the web concerning various school projects.

The Cad-Cam class's computers did not need to be updated,



but they did, however, receive a new auto cad system.

Early in the year Mr. Rebey arranged for a person to come in and teach the students how to utilize the new system.

Here is an odd fact that many of you may not know: this school year, *The Tattler*, Whiting High School's newspaper, celebrated its 75th anniversary. How's that for impressive? The first school year WHS had a newspaper was 1922-23 and *The Tattler* is still going strong after all these years.

## Year In Review



With the resignation of Superintendent Dr. Manwaring, the School City of Whiting received a new superintendent, Mr. Gerald McCullum. Superintendent McCullum joined us from the River Forest school system after serving eight years there. Mr. McCullum was warmly welcomed on January 7 with a small ceremony held in the school cafeteria.

WHS began the school year by welcoming four new teachers: Mr. Donovan, Mr. Elijah, Ms. Hylek, and Mr. Segudovic; and by the end of the year had turned them into diehard Oiler fans. Mr. Donovan graduated from Lake Central High School and Jacksonville State University. He teaches Government, Economics, Sociology, and Psychology and is the assistant softball coach for the Lady Oilers as well as a basketball coach for the boys. Mr. Elijah graduated from North Newton High School and Valparaiso University. He teaches World Geography and Current World Problems. Ms. Hylek graduated from East Chicago Roosevelt and Purdue University Calumet. She teaches Communication Arts, English 10, and Journalism and is the adviser for *The Tattler* and *The Reflector*. Mr. Segudovic graduated from Hobart High School and St. Joseph's College. He teaches P. E. and Health and is an assistant football coach for the Oilers. These four teachers are a welcome addition at WHS.

The Class of 2000, this year's sophomores, was the first class to take the new ISTEP+ test. It is now mandatory to pass this test in order to graduate from high school. The sophomores did very well on the test and as a result Mr. Flick treated the class



to lunch at Shakey's. In both the Math and English portions of the test, Whiting scored near the top. Only a small number of students scored below the state standard and the school is doing its best to see that these students pass the next time around.

Thanks to the Whiting Fire and Police Departments, along with cooperation from the Parks Department, Whiting High School was again able to have its bonfire. In years past, the bonfire was held during the week of Homecoming to spark school spirit for the big game on Friday. This year the bonfire was held the week of the



Battle of 119th Street. Students didn't let this damper their enthusiasm; they were still as excited as ever as they heard some inspirational words from various athletes and felt the warmth of the bonfire. Food was provided by the PTO and music was provided by John Milch.



The Whiting PTO has been extremely involved in the student life at WHS. They not only sponsored the lock-in, but also cheered on the many sports teams, worked in the concession stands, and supported students in their many academic endeavors. This year the PTO awarded students for their academic achievements the same way they are awarded for their sports achievements by receiving a "W." Students with a GPA of 3.0 or better received a "W" and a blue honor roll pin. Students with a GPA of 4.0 or better received a "W" and a red honor roll pin. Each "W" had a lamp of learning in the center to denote that it is an academic "W."

Prom was another big event at Whiting this year. It was moved to Friday night from the normal Saturday night prom. Students who attended prom received the second half of the day off in order to prepare themselves for a night of dancing and fun. Also held this year was Safe Prom. The goal of this event was to promote an alcohol-free weekend. At Safe Prom, prom bids and gift certificates for flowers were raffled off.





Whiting High School can boast that it has produced some fine young men and women over the years, and of course this year has been no exception. Senior Ryan Zurek took first place, earning him a medal, in the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) competition for band at the state level in Indianapolis. At ISSMA, Zurek played "Sonata No. 1" by Benedetto Marcello.



Members of the National Honor Society donated their time to wrap gifts for the needy children in the commu-

nity who might not receive many presents during the Christmas season. During the school year the NHS, sponsored by Mr. Klosek, was involved in numerous community service projects.



The Student Council set up a fund to help pay for Bobby Meir's medical expenses. Meir was paralyzed in a swimming accident over the summer. For 50 cents one could buy a paper link that would be added to a chain outside the office.

Students at WHS have been involved in many charity projects during the school year. One project was the National Honor Society Thanksgiving Food Drive. The NHS collected a total of 184 cans and \$279.31. The NHS along with the Student Council arranged this year's Christmas Fund Drive. Formerly known as the Christmas Toy Drive, this year students were asked to donate money instead of gifts. Once the goal of \$500 was reached, students received a dance in the big gym during seventh hour on the last day of school before winter vacation.



Senior Julio Barrera has plenty to be proud about. Barrera submitted a design to the competition that decides which design will go on the Red Ribbon T-shirts next year. His design was chosen from submissions from twenty school districts in Northwest Indiana. The design will be featured on almost all the drug prevention paraphernalia to be



seen in the region within the next year. Julio was also accepted into the American Academy of Art in Chicago, one of the best art schools in the world. The chances of getting in are about one in fifty. Julio has wanted art to be his profession since he was young, but he never dreamed of getting into such an elite school.

In a break from tradition, this year's graduation ceremony was held on the first Sunday in June rather than the first Thursday. The change was made to allow for more out of town relatives and friends to attend. In addition, scholarships were presented during this year's ceremony. Also, this year's slide show was shown only to the graduating class in the auditorium before the ceremony and then it ran continuously on two screens in the cafeteria, where graduates and their guests were invited for dessert.

For one of the first times in history WHS closed its doors for three days due to the major blizzard that hit Northwest Indiana. The blizzard knocked out the school's power for the majority of one day and tainted the city's water supply. Students only had to make up two of the three days missed. These days were made up at the end of the school year on Fri. June 5 and Mon. June 8.

There you have it, the Year In Review. I hope this has helped recall some of the good times and memories made at WHS.

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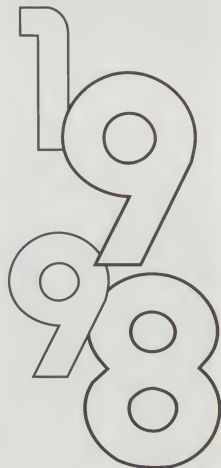
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OK, I wasn't valedictorian or salutatorian, and I wasn't class president, so here's my chance to make my little speech and thank who I want to thank. When I was a freshman, I thought that it would be fun to be on *The Reflector*. I never thought that I would be Co-Editor-in-Chief. I guess one of the reasons that I was picked to be editor is that I am one of the few nutcases who would actually stay at school until 9 or 10 at night working on the yearbook. This is only my second year on staff, and I can successfully say that I can recognize fonts whenever I see a poster or a program; I write all of my English papers as if I'm writing a story; and I was late or absent from each one of my classes this year due to yearbook. I must say that this year I have grown to love red pens, and I have also grown frustrated with "white space." I always say that I hate it, but the truth is that I just don't know how to use it.

There are few things that I did in high school that I actually managed to get excited about, and aside from laying out the newspaper, yearbook was it. I know that I am making my self sound like a big loser, but hey, if the shoe fits... I'm



Tiffany Amber and I  
Co-Editors-in-Chief

going to have to send a huge amount of gratitude to this year's adviser, Miss Hylek, who undoubtedly had no idea what she was getting into this year. There aren't many people in this world who would put in mass amounts of time into making sure that we got our yearbook and newspaper just right. I also have to thank her for putting up with my horrible habit of procrastination. I know that it's pretty bad. I also want to thank her for giving me someone to talk to and joke with throughout all of the long hours. I know that I complain a lot and I have a bit of a cynical attitude about things, but she never



Margaret Edge and I

seemed to mind listening to me. Next, I think that I should give my co-editor, Tiffany (T.A.) a medal for putting up with me: I know that I'm a pain. I wasn't always completely devoted to the book due to my responsibility to *The Tattler*, and she always picked up the slack. T.A. also knew when to kick me in the rear when I needed to get myself in gear. I think that voluntarily putting up with me should qualify a person for sainthood, so I would like to send bucket-loads of thanks to these two individuals.



My brothers, from left to right, Steve and Bryan, and I

I'll make this part quick because no one that will read this yearbook gives a hoot about my family. Well, thanks to my parents for not freaking out when I was at school until all hours of the night. I give my parents a lot of grief, but it's for their own good (that's my story and I'm stickin' to it). I would also like to thank my brothers, who gave me someone to talk to when all of my friends bailed on me or just when I needed a quick outlet for my emotions.

Now I want to thank my friends who are awesome. I've been close with a lot of people throughout my four years of high school. There is, however, one person who I have been undoubtedly close with since the first day of my freshman year, and throughout our differences, we have been friends through thick and thin for all four years. Thanks to Margaret Edge for making me a part of her family and always making me feel welcome.

Finally, I want to thank my staff. The year is finished, and when the book comes out next year, you will see how your hard work has paid off. I will miss being a part of the yearbook very much. I am grateful that we have put such a wonderful book together so that I can preserve my memories for many years to come, thank you.

Wow! Already another year has passed by, which means another year of memories to make and capture. So if you could bear with me, I'd like to take this page to acknowledge the people who made the production of this yearbook possible.

First, I would like to congratulate and thank our new adviser Ms. Hylek for doing such an excellent job with the yearbook. Congratulations! Your first year went with only a few minor problems. Thank you for being so kind, understanding, and unselfish. Your efforts did not go on unappreciated. You have my undying gratitude.



Second, to my partner in crime, Joan Musak. Joan, you've made this year so unbelievably fun. It's amazing that we share the same twisted sense of humor, isn't it? You made me laugh when the pressure of deadlines became too much, and you were totally there for me when I just needed someone to understand. Thanks.

Third, to the people who work at Herff Jones, the company that prints our yearbook. I especially would like to acknowledge Julie Bogart at the plant in Kansas and Lisa our yearbook representative.

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• The pictures seen on this page are of some of the people who have made my year very special. Thanks again.



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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000). The number of people aged 65 and over is projected to increase to 15.5 million by 2020, and the number of people aged 75 and over to 8.5 million (Office of National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop strategies to meet the needs of older people, and to ensure that they are able to live independently and actively in the community. This has led to a number of initiatives, including the development of age-friendly communities, and the establishment of age-friendly networks. These initiatives aim to create environments that are accessible, safe, and supportive for older people, and to provide them with the resources and opportunities they need to live well in old age.

One of the key challenges in developing age-friendly communities is to ensure that the needs of older people are taken into account in all planning and development decisions. This requires a multi-sectoral approach, involving the participation of older people, their families, and the relevant public and private sector organizations. It also requires a focus on the physical environment, as well as on the social and cultural environment.

The physical environment includes the design of buildings, streets, and public spaces, as well as the provision of accessible transport and services. The social and cultural environment includes the provision of opportunities for social participation, and the promotion of positive attitudes towards older people. Both of these environments are essential for the well-being of older people, and for the success of age-friendly communities.

In this paper, we will discuss the challenges of developing age-friendly communities, and the role of the physical and social environments in addressing these challenges. We will also discuss the importance of the participation of older people in the development of age-friendly communities, and the role of age-friendly networks in this process. Finally, we will discuss the importance of monitoring and evaluation in the development of age-friendly communities, and the role of the physical and social environments in this process.

## 2. Age-friendly communities

The concept of age-friendly communities was first introduced by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1999. It is defined as a community that is accessible, safe, and supportive for older people, and that provides them with the resources and opportunities they need to live well in old age. The WHO has identified a number of key domains of age-friendly communities, including the physical environment, the social and cultural environment, and the provision of services and resources.

The physical environment includes the design of buildings, streets, and public spaces, as well as the provision of accessible transport and services. The social and cultural environment includes the provision of opportunities for social participation, and the promotion of positive attitudes towards older people. The provision of services and resources includes the provision of health and social care services, and the provision of opportunities for education and training.

The WHO has identified a number of key principles for the development of age-friendly communities, including the principle of participation, the principle of equity, and the principle of sustainability. The principle of participation requires the active involvement of older people in the development of age-friendly communities. The principle of equity requires that the needs of all older people are taken into account, and that resources are distributed fairly. The principle of sustainability requires that age-friendly communities are able to maintain and improve their quality over time.





